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Moroccans oppose school plan

By CYNTHIA RUBIN

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MONTREAL —

A recently developed formula of financial aid to Jewish day schools to help cover the cost of Jewish education has antagonized the leadership of the francophone Moroccan community allied with the Maimonides Day School.

The formula arrived at by the 16-member Association of Jewish Day Schools (AJDS), in which Maimonides is a member, established 12 weekly hours of Jewish studies as the minimum standard for receiving full assistance.

Of the 14 anglophone and two francophone schools, Maimonides is the only member not meeting that standard.

This is the first year that Allied Jewish Community Services (AJCS) is contributing to Jewish education in a province where the government provides 80% of the operating costs of the general studies program.

In a strongly-worded article in the French-language **Presence,** the community newspaper, Claude Chriqui, president of Maimonides, took to task AJCS and AJDS for devising a "sectarian, biased and coercive formula."

Chriqui wrote that with AJCS' allocation of $500,000 to Jewish education, the leadership of Maimonides assumed that the school would receive $50,000 on the basis that with approximately 500 pupils registered for the 75-76 school year, Maimonides constituted one-tenth of the 5,000 students attending the Jewish schools. This enrollment includes 70 day-care pupils.

"We lose at every level of the sharing formula," Chriqui told **The Canadian Jewish News.** "We are considered a Jewish day school except when it come to money."

What most angers Chriqui is that the formula is based on the number of hours of Judaic studies. He thinks the time-factor is insignificant.

Maimonides pupils receive about six hours a week of Jewish studies, in the lower grades, building up to a schedule of 10 hours in the proposed high school class, (grade seven) to open in the coming school year.

He hopes that eventually Maimonides will be able to offer more time in Judaica but cannot see how the schedule allows it at present.

Holiday deadline

The Canadian Jewish News will close today (Erev Rosh Hashanah) at 4 p.m. And the paper will be closed on Yom Kippur, Monday, Sept. 15. Therefore, the deadlines for the Sept. 19 edition are as follows: Display advertising and editorial, Thursday, Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. and classified ads, Friday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m.

Classes on Yom Kippur

Plans unchanged for opening day at Western U.

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

LONDON —

The University of Western Ontario will proceed to hold opening day classes on Yom Kippur — Sept. 15 — despite advance warning and protests from the Jewish community here.

Rabbi Yaacov Rone of Temple Or Shalom, said the office of the registrar at the university prepared this year's schedule with prior knowledge of the Jewish calendar and its holidays.

Repeated attempts by the community over the past several years to have the university set its timetables to accommodate its 1,000 Jewish students and faculty have failed, said Rabbi Rone. He himself has mailed out "well in advance" Jewish calendars to all schools in the city with a view to alleviating clashes between religious holidays and class and exam timetables.

"We have letters on file from past years from the university saying it cannot accommodate approaches made by religious groups," said Rabbi Rone.

He and Barry Eisen, executive director of the London Jewish Community Centre, both wrote letters to the senate and registrar of the university raising community concern over the opening of the academic year on the holiest day in Jewish observance. Neither received a response.

Western's registrar, William Nediger explained that the university's schedule is set a year in advance and that the conflict had not been brought to his attention earlier.

He acknowledged that he now has a Jewish calendar from Rabbi Rone in his possession and that conflicts in class schedules and examination timetables would be avoided in the future.

Faculty has been notified of the conflict, said Nediger and has been asked not to penalize students absent on the first day of classes.

Carrying details of the interim peace treaty between Egypt and Israel in an envelope in his left hand, U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat (left) and Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi after arriving in Alexandria. (IPPA)

Accord is described as simply one step on the road to peace

JERUSALEM (JCNS) —

Against a background of violent demonstrations by angry citizens opposed to any territorial concessions to Egypt, Israel and Egypt initialled an agreement this week which calls for an Israeli withdrawal from land captured in 1967.

It was stressed that the Sinai agreement is not a peace pact, but simply one step — a major one — along the road to achieving a diplomatic accord. Formal signing by both countries was to take place in Geneva, though not at a face-to-face meeting as originally insisted upon by Israel.

The feeling among the anti-accord demonstrators is that Israel made all the concessions and Egypt virtually nothing of substance. Government officials deny this, asserting that "it was the best we could get under the circumstances." Former Premier Golda Meir said the agreement which now goes to the Knesset for approval, should be received "not with fanfare but also not with a feeling of mourning."

Violence flared in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and other urban centres as demontrators clashed with police in a series of confrontations. Much of the resentment was directed towards U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger whose shuttle efforts between Jerusalem and Cairo this time were crowned with success.

The role of the U.S. is one of intimate involvement in the Middle East. U.S. personnel will man the early warning installations and Washington will buttress Israel's struggling economy with a massive injection of dollars, estimated in some quarters at more than $2 billion. There will also be substantial financial aid for Egypt.

The accord has nothing to do with two other pressing issues: Syria and the Golan Heights, and the Palestinians. President Sadat made it clear that these issues are outside the terms of the accord signed with Israel.

The agreement on the territorial aspects was reached with one last Israeli concession — in the number of American-manned surveillance stations. Sources here revealed that there would be two American-manned stations, instead of the four-to-six that Israel had originally proposed. There will, however, be several unmanned American "sensors" — information-gathering devices — in addition to the two manned stations. Later, an Israeli source said there would be three stations.

There will also be an American supervisory presence at Umm Hasheiba, the Israeli-manned surveillance station, and at the parallel Egyptian-manned surveillance station, all in the United Nations buffer zone.

Egypt's major concession during the Kissinger shuttle has been at Umm Hasheiba, where President Anwar Sadat has now acceded to Israel's demand for continued Israeli manning of the key surveillance site northwest of the Gidi Pass. This, for Israel, had been a sine qua non for the accord.

The third key territorial issue, that of Egypt's line of advance, was resolved in a compromise which was based on a major Egyptian concession and a more modest Israeli one. Egypt will not advance eastward beyond the present buffer, but it will advance some two kilometers southward at the southernmost tip of the present buffer. This means that the top of the coastal corridor, which Israel is ceding to Egyptian civilian administration, will be incorporated in the Egyptian "limited forces zone" instead of in the area of civilian administration.

The difference in practice is that Egypt will be able to keep troops in this area. It contains a road leading from the main Suez City-Abu Rodeis road to the seacoast, and Egypt was apparently keen to have this road under its military control.

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Concern, relief is feeling in U.S.

WASHINGTON [JTA] —

Concern and relief regarding Middle East developments are traveling on parallel lines here. The concern is over the difficulties that may ensue as a result of the reportedly many unpublicized understandings tied to the second-stage Israeli-Egyptian accord in the Sinai.

The relief is felt at the growing certainly that the Arab bloc may not press for Israel's ouster or suspension from the United Nations General Assembly in New York in view of widespread reaction against it. Unofficial observers sympathetic to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's current attempt to tie up a second Israeli withdrawal agreement this week feel that the ambiguities of the accord he is shaping are likely to bring storms when it is to be carried out.

One termed the forthcoming agreement "a quick fix" that will, like the agreement on Vietnam, bring disagreements that ultimately will cause disaster rather than progress towards a full settlement. Noting that "coming home with an agreement, however poor and false, seems to be a political requirement for some years now," another observer noted, "We have to face up to this painful fact that deceivers succeed because there are too many who are willing to be deceived."

Accordingly, influential observers here are urging a continued drive by Kissinger to bring about a second Israeli withdrawal in the Golan Heights to appease Syria and then push for a full settlement in the area, including a state with the Palestine Liberation Organization in charge, at least temporarily. Some think that Kissinger already has Israeli acquiescence for something for Syria and that before he leaves the Middle East he will broach the Palestinian situation to the Israelis.

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WHY FLIGHT 500 WAS HOURS LATE

You thought you heard about every reason for an airline flight delay.

Well, try this one.

Flight 500 on Aug. 18 from Montreal to Ben-Gurion Airport was 16 hours late because of the pilot's refusal to take off while a fellow El Al employee was on board.

According to a story in **The Jerusalem Post,** the employee was a navigator who had been on vacation in Canada and wanted to return on the flight. Since the flight was fully booked, the navigator sat in one of the seats reserved for the crew.

The pilot, Captain G. Fossman, ordered the man off the plane, but he refused to go, so the pilot did not take off. The fight continued, and eventually the captain ordered a further delay, saying that the crew had to have a rest, according to regulations.

How did El Al react to all this when the plane finally reached Israel? Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi termed it "a very serious" incident and the airline suspended Fossman and set up a disciplinary court to try him.

The story in **The Post** did not report the passengers' reactions to these shenanigans, but they can be imagined.

Congress to sponsor kashruth seminars

TORONTO —

To further understanding of kashruth in the Jewish community and to offset unfavorable publicity in recent months, the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, will sponsor a series of kashruth seminars, open to the public, this fall, it was announced here.

The meetings, beginning Oct. 14 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, will be held every two to three months depending upon the response. The seminars will create a two-way information line of communication, according to a CJC press release. Knowledgeable resource people, familiar with consumerism and kashruth, will participate in the seminar presentations.

Panelists for the first meeting will include Diana Burns, consumer consultant for the federal government; Rabbi Gedalia Felder, chairman of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth; Helen Gross, chairman of Congress' Consumer Panel on Kosher Food; Sidney Rabinovitch, a meat buyer, and Esther Schwartz, recently appointed CJC kosher cooking consultant.

The meeting will be moderated by Mrs. Cynthia Gasner, information and public relations officer of the Orthodox Division, CJC Central Region.

Working in conjunction with Mrs. Schwartz and other part-time resource people, Mrs. Gasner is responsible for disseminating information concerning kashruth within the Toronto Jewish community.

A Kosher Information Service, one of several activities initiated by Congress this year, includes a speakers' bureau, educational activities, and a display program which has been circulating in supermarkets (at their request) that serve the Toronto Jewish community.

The display includes products sold at the stores which are under supervision. Consumers are provided with the current edition of **Kashruth Directory** which lists products, recipes and kashruth information.

Among their efforts to inform the community was a training program recently presented at a Reena group home to assist the supervisory staff in setting up a kosher kitchen.

Decision delayed on rabbi's future

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
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TORONTO —

Following a stormy debate, a special meeting of the membership of Habonim Congregation agreed to continue the contract of Rabbi Reuben Slonim until the end of 1975 when a decision will be made on its renewal, according to synagogue president G.E. Herman.

About 200 persons attended the meeting Monday night to discuss the future of the controversial rabbi who has served as congregational rabbi for 14 years, more or less on a part-time basis.

The Conservative synagogue is located on Hollaman Rd., in North York and has 180 family memberships.

The rabbi, who attended the meeting, said he would try to keep future services as non-controversial as possible according to Herman. When contacted by **The Canadian Jewish News** Tuesday, Rabbi Slonim said tersely: "I have no comment — whatsoever" and terminated the call by hanging up.

Procedure of the congregation is for its board to decide on the renewal of a rabbi's contract, but it was decided the membership would do so because "it affects all the members, one way or another," said a leader of the synagogue, who asked that his name not be used. The rabbi's current contract is for one year.

J.G. Beer, former secretary of the congregation and chairman of its adult education and constitution committees, said "there is a very deep difference of opinion among congregants." He said it is between the founding group, made up of survivors from Hitler's Europe and Canadian born and bred members brought into the synagogue by Rabbi Slonim.

The meeting followed many months of bitter debate regarding the rabbi, whose view, many members feel, is causing the congregation "shame and embarrassment." These members got the required 25 signatures necessary to call the meeting.

An indication of the split in the ranks of the congregation was the 86-61 vote at the special meeting against halting the meeting, said the source. However, there was a near unanimous vote to postpone any final decision regarding the rabbi. The congregation agreed that less than a week before the high holidays would be the wrong time to bring the issue to a head.

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Cairo native endured three-year captivity

Egyptian Jew speaks his mind without fear despite imprisonment for 'Zionist connections'

Natan Abraham Moses, 67, is the caretaker of the Ben Ezra Synagogue in Cairo.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

CAIRO, Egypt —

"The Israeli government has much to learn about Arabs," Georges Katri told me as we waited for a taxi on congested July 23 Street in Cairo's downtown shopping core.

"If they understood the Arab mentality as well as I do, the Israelis would not withdraw one single inch from Sinai or the other territories," he added, amidst the roar and honking of night-time traffic. "I have a deep affection for the Egyptian, but he cannot be trusted."

Georges Katri, who endured a three-year and 13-day captivity in a prison camp for being a 'Zionist', may well be the bravest and most outspoken Jew in Egypt.

As we talked, I wondered whether he realized that he was treading on very dangerous ground by saying what the Egyptian authorities would no doubt consider treasonous and heretical statements.

But Katri, a 54-year-old native of Cairo whom I met through a mutual friend, did not seem to care. A cultivated and affable man who seemed to hunger for company, he seemed oblivious to the masses of strolling residents as he developed his thesis on why Israel must restrain all the occupied Arab lands in spite of international pressure and continual war.

An architect by profession, Katri is close to six feet tall and his receding hair line accentuates the soft, intellectual quality of his smooth face. He has razor-thin lips and prominent ears. He wore a white tropical suit and a narrow black tie. He spoke English with a slight Fench accent, the result of his French secondary school education.

For a while, I could hardly believe my ears. Here, in the heart of a throbbing Arab metropolis, I was listening to an Egyptian — a Jew — advocating a course of policy that would surely bring smiles to the face of Israeli Likud leader Menahem Begin.

But Georges Katri was unrepentant and he wasn't about to take back anything he had just said.

By all acceptable standards, Katri, who is single, is a highly unusual man. And he is quite extraordinary and not only because his political views are so wildly unconventional.

Although he is free to emigrate, provided he leaves all of his professional documents in Egypt, he refuses to budge. By some strange and unfathomable logic, he stays on in Egypt because, as he puts it, "I don't want to be vanquished by their rules — the government's rules."

Yet he also lingers on because, like a true scholar, he cannot bear to be parted from his beloved books and accumulated papers, all of which he will use when he is ready to write his book on esthetics.

At times, it is somewhat difficult to follow his train of thought. But one gets the impression that he must prove something to himself and perhaps to the world. I think he is trying to demonstrate, at the cost of his own happiness, that in spite of all the difficulties and hardships, a Jew can still maintain his dignity by living in a country locked in near-war with the Jewish state.

Since Katri does not abide by the norms of the day, it came as no real surprise when he said he harbored no bitterness against Egypt or the Egyptians as a result of his unjust three-year imprisonment in a prison camp.

"I understand that they (the government) felt insecure by our presence," he said. "But I never had any connection with Zionism." He added: "Of course I was for Israel during the wars, but I had to show them I was an Egyptian."

It is unlikely the Egyptians were even faintly aware of his sympathies when they arrested him and some 400 other Jewish males ranging in age from 18 to 60 on the day the Six-Day War erupted. All of them were taken to Abu Zahal on the outskirts of Cairo, a favorite resting place for political opponents of the regime.

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Monbaz returns for UIA

MONTREAL —

Former Israeli consul general in Montreal and Toronto, Jacob Monbaz has returned to Canada for a two-year period on a special assignment as national Israel advisor to the United Israel Appeal of Canada. This announcement was made by Thomas O. Hecht, national president of the United Israel Appeal.

Col. Monbaz has a long record of activities as a member of Israel's defence forces. For 11 years he held staff and command appointments in the Israel army and was quarter-master general of the Sinai campaign. He served as general staff officer in charge of the Mixed Armistice Commission with Jordan, Syria and Lebanon and was military counsellor and spokesman at Israel's Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

In 1965 Col. 'Jack' Monbaz joined the ministry of foreign affairs and held diplomatic appointments as consul general in South Africa, Montreal and Toronto. His most recent appointment was ambassador to Malawi, thus becoming Israel's last remaining ambassador in black Africa following the Yom Kippur War.

Jacob Monbaz

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KISSINGER GIVES PRESS DETAILS

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger answers reporters' questions while Israel Foreign Minister Yigal Allon looks on. He spent more than a week in the Middle East prior to initialling interim agreement.

Egypt--Israel disengagement agreement aims at overall settlement of conflict

LONDON [JCNS] —

The Egyptian-Israeli disengagement agreement is reliably reported in Jerusalem to contain the following points:

Both sides agree that the United Nations Emergency Force (Unef) mandate should be renewed annually.

Egypt undertakes to permit Israeli-bound cargoes through the Suez Canal.

Both sides recognize that Bab el Mandeb at the entrance to the Red Sea is an international waterway and undertake to respect all international shipping passing through it and all air traffic passing over it.

Both sides undertake to pursue further negotiations aimed at an overall settlement of the conflict.

The Israeli line of withdrawal descends almost vertically from the Mediterranean coast to the Gidi Pass, where it swings eastwards around the eastern entrance to the passes. Jebel Gidi, the highest point in the region, remains in Israeli hands. South of the Mitla Pass the line swings westwards again to the south of Suez City, whence it moves southwards parallel with the coastline.

There will be an Egyptian civilian administration of the coastal strip southwards to the Abu Rodeis oilfields which will be handed over to Egypt. The coastal road will be held by Unef. Egyptian civilian traffic will be allowed on it. Israel will hold a parallel road farther to the west.

Each side will operate one surveillance station in the area of the passes — the Israeli one being at Umm Hashiba. American technicians, who will have a right to inspect these stations will also man three other surveillance stations.

Egypt agrees to at least two further annual renewals of the UNEF mandate. This means in effect that the agreement will remain in force for at least 3½ years, since the initial year-long renewal is provided for in the formal agreement. It will take place when the new deployments come into effect some six months after the signing.

Egypt undertakes not to join in a war against Israel launched by another Arab state during the term of the agreement. Egypt is free to act if Israel is the aggressor.

There will be a permanent mixed commission of Israeli and Egyptian officers and officials which will supervise the implementation and observance of the agreement.

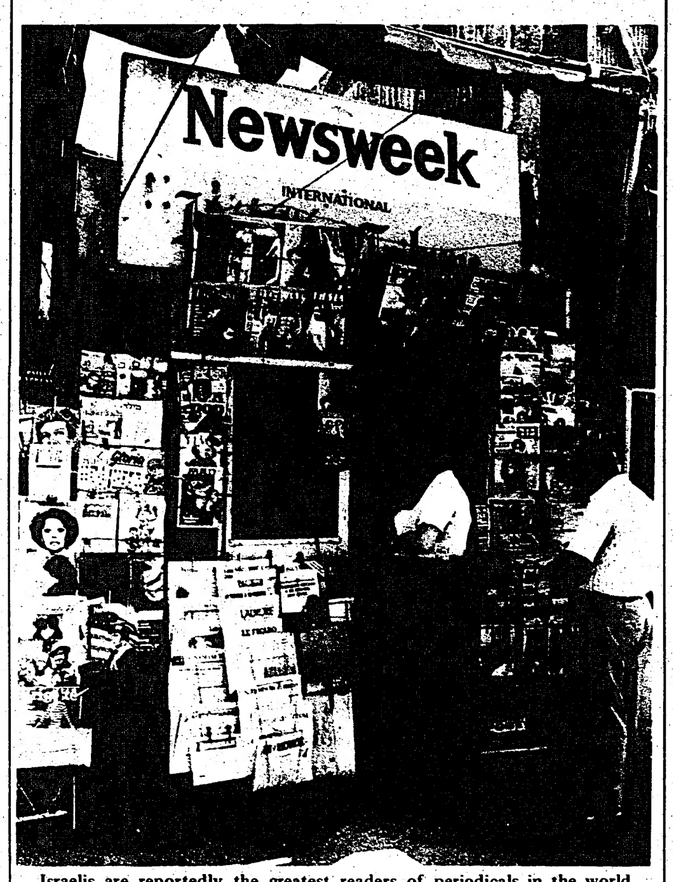
The United States has given pledges to provide aid and assistance to Israel in the event of an attack by another super-Power (clearly the Soviet Union).

The United States undertakes not to draw up plans for an overall settlement for presentation at Geneva without Israeli agreement.

The Americans agree that no interim settlement with Jordan is possible, but that peace between Israel and Jordan must come in one step.

The U.S. undertakes not to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization or to hold political talks with it.

There are also specific U.S. undertakings to supply Israel with sophisticated weapons. Large-scale economic aid has also been promised.



Israelis are reportedly the greatest readers of periodicals in the world. This is one of the larger newsstands with many international publications.

Bernard Bergman indicted for fraud

NEW YORK, N.Y. —

Bernard Bergman was indicted recently on charges of defrauding the state and investors during the conversion of a $17 million apartment house into a co-operative.

The indictment came in the wake of an earlier trial in which Bergman pleaded not guilty to federal and state charges of stealing $1.2 million from Medicaid.

Bergman, a nursing home operator who was highly influential in Mizrachi, the religious Zionists, faces four years imprisonment on each of the two counts for which he was indicted.

He pleaded not guilty to all of the charges, and was released on his own recognizance. "I have no choice but to right each false charge as it is made and to trust our cherished legal process to vindicate me," he told reporters.

Sinai accord studied

WASHINGTON [JTA] —

The special investigations subcommittee of the House International Relations Committee has scheduled a hearing for Sept. 10 on the U.S. aspects of the second Israeli-Egyptian agreement in the Sinai, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed. In addition, the panel, headed by Rep. Lee Hamilton (D. Ind.), who has led numerous inquiries on Israeli-Arab problems, will hold three days of hearings on what an aide described as "the question of the Palestinians." The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has not yet scheduled a hearing but its chairman, Sen. John Sparkman (D. Ala.) is believed likely to conduct an inquiry prior to the House hearing. Both branches of Congress returned to Washington Sept. 3 after their August recess.

The Hamilton subcommittee, comprised of five Democrats and two Republicans, has not identified witnesses on the surveillance part of the Egypt-Israel accord except to note that the State Department will be asked to testify on the issues. On the Palestine question, however, the panel has scheduled Sayez Sayegh of the Kuwait Mission at the United Nations, to appear Sept. 16; Mordechai Abir of the University of Jerusalem, and Dr. Itamar Rabinowitz of Tel Aviv University, to testify Sept. 23; and George Assousa and Joseph D. Ben-Dak, co-directors of a Washington Arab-Israeli group known as "Fair", to appear Sept. 24.

Meanwhile, key sources at the capitol indicated to JTA that the feeling among members of Congress reached on the interim agreement is, as one put it, "very mixed," regarding the assignment of U.S. civilian personnel in the Sinai to monitor surveillance equipment and the Ford Administration's commitment to keep Israel supplied with oil even under Arab embargo circumstances.

Sen. George S. McGovern (D. S.D.), JTA was told by an aide here, has no fundamental quarrel with the commitment but he will want to look at it in detail. McGovern, sternest foe of American involvement in Vietnam, is head of the Senate subcommittee on the Near East. Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D. Minn.), also a Senate Foreign Relations Committee member, said he has an open mind. While noting the risks of achieving a lasting peace must be weighed, he said he was not opposed in principle to a small number of American civilians to help keep the peace.

Slum dwellers protest against poor housing; reject Ministry offer

JERUSALEM [JCNS] —

Several hundred young couples or slum dwellers staged demonstrations in different Israeli towns last week in protest against inadequate or poor housing.

In Holon, south of Tel Aviv, about 400 families from the Jesse Cohen immigrant settlement pitched a "tent-city" outside the municipal offices and said they would not leave until their demands for proper housing were met.

The Housing Ministry offered to provide them with flats at moderate rents in another part of the town, but most of the families refused to go on the grounds that if they were moved, together with their large numbers of children, they would be merely "exchanging one slum for another."

They want to be dispersed in the various suburbs, but ministry officials say this cannot be done.

Municipal officials have accused the Black Panthers of inciting the demonstration.

In Jerusalem, the police evicted several dozen "squatting" Ashkelon young couples. Avraham Ofer, the housing minister, met them to discuss their complaints.

In Ashdod port, more young couples illegally occupied 32 new flats set aside for new immigrants. They left after 24 hours when town officials promised that they would be provided with flats within four months.

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Participants in the dedication program for the cairn marking the site of the Jewish farm colony at Wapella, Sask., are from left) Cyril Leonoff of Vancouver who initiated the project, Mrs. Dorothy Sandomirsky of Regina, descendant of a Wapella family; Ben Barish, who farmed at Wapella for many years; Joe Wilder of Winnipeg, historic sites chairman of the Jewish Historical Society and Norman Ratner, Saskatchewan vice-president of the JHS. Wapella is situated about 250 miles west of Winnipeg. (JHS photo)

Wapella colony site of homesteaders in 1880s

Cairn honors first Jewish farmers

By A.J. ARNOLD

BARISH LAKE, Sask. — An historic cairn commemorating the first successful Jewish farm settlement in Canada, which is generally known as the Wapella colony, was dedicated recently at Barish Lake in Saskatchewan about 250 miles west of Winnipeg. Some 250 people who came from as far away as Hawaii and Toronto attended the ceremony conducted by Rabbi D.L. Landy of Regina and Cyril Leonoff of Vancouver on a sunny, summer Sunday afternoon.

It is doubtful that there were ever more than 25 families who farmed at Wapella for any length of time. There were a number of families such as the Barishes, the Brotmans, and the Kapluns where several members of each family farmed their own land.

Much more important than numbers however is the fact that this was the first time that Jews proved themselves in a Canadian farm settlement and it all started back in 1887. Among those successful farmers were Alter Kaplun and three of his sons. One of those sons, Barney, is still on the land and thus represents close to 85 years of continuous farming by one family.

Plans to establish the historic cairn were initiated by Sam Barish, one of two remaining sons of Solomon Barish, a founder of the Wapella settlement, and by Cyril Leonoff, a grandson of Edel Brotman, another Wapella pioneer. With the backing of the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada and support from many descendants of the families who lived at Wapella, a piece of land was purchased from the farm originally operated by Solomon Barish. It is located a few miles north of the town of Wapella and west of Rocanville and here the cairn has been placed just off a grid road. The bronze plaque on one side of the cairn reads:

"Between 1886 and 1907, fifty Jewish settlers and their families, led by John Heppner and Abraham Klenman, fled their European homelands to escape persecution, and took homesteads around this (Barish) Lake, with lands extending six miles north and four miles southeast. This became the first successful Jewish farm settlement in Canada, and was the forerunner of some dozen Jewish communities established on the prairies. Barish Lake is named for the Solomon Barish family, who farmed the homestead on this quarter from 1894 to 1958."

A second plaque lists the names of the most of the original families in the colony including: Samuel Arenowsky, Edel Aronovitch, Solomon Barish, Ekiel Bronfman, Edel Brotman, Charlie Brotman, Samuel Brotman, Phillip Brotman, Eli Brotman, Shimon Cohen, Hyman Cooperman, John Heppner, Henry Heppner, Max Heppner, Israel Human, Kalman Isman, Harry Jacobson, Moses Jacobson, David Jagust, Alter Kaplun, Louis Kaplun, Phillip Kaplun, Barney Kaplun, Abraham Klenman, Harry Levi, Barney Levin, Moses Lohn, Harry Lohn, Arthur Lohn, Hersch Minowsky, Leib Pelenovsky, Isaac Sinclair, Jacob Wasserman, Gedalia Weisler, Isaac Weisler, Harry Weisler.

The "star" of the commemorative program was a steam threshing machine from the Rocanville museum which was purchased in 1910 by Harry Klenman (Abraham's son) and used for harvesting until 1940. The steam thresher was lined up alongside the cairn during the program and afterwards it provided power for a grist mill where wheat was freshly milled and samples to given to many of those in attendance. A plaque has also been placed on the thresher which states that in its best year it threshed 93,000 bushels of grain.

The historic cairn was erected with the co-operation of the Saskatchewan Department of Natural Resources. Many non-Jewish neighbors attended and assisted with the program.

Barb Daien, representing the Jewish pavilion, was chosen Miss Folklorama, over 26 other competitors in Winnipeg. Folklorama, the Festival of Nations, attracted 1.5 million. Ms. Daien, who speaks fluent Hebrew, is a student of social work at the U. of Manitoba.

Members of Prime Minister's UJA mission agree Sinai pullback is 'best alternative'

TORONTO — Members of the Prime Minister's mission to Israel agree with the statement made to them by Prime Minister Rabin that the Sinai pullback is "Israel's risk for peace." This is the report brought back to Toronto by Wilfred Posluns, 1976 United Jewish Appeal campaign chairman, who was accompanied on the mission by Allan Offman, Abbey Lipson and David Marks.

"There were 350 people on the mission, the majority of them Jewish community leaders from the United States, who made commitments for 1976 which averaged 15% over the previous year," Posluns said.

In addition to the meeting with Rabin, the mission members met with Defence Minister Shimon Peres and were driven to the approximate site where the lines will be drawn back at the Gidi and Mitla mountain passes.

"Most of us felt in our hearts that the deal is right for Israel for the present," Posluns remarked. "For Israel, this is the best alternative now. She is giving up her potential offensive position over Egypt, but is retaining radar and monitoring lookouts. Both Israel and Egypt will be in good defensive positions on the Sinai and a main bone of contention between the two will have been eliminated."

When asked about public reaction to the agreement, Posluns commented that he witnessed a peaceful demonstration outside Rabin's office. "We saw a lot of people carrying signs, but it was all very quiet and orderly."

A highlight of the trip for Wilfred Posluns was a special service at Yad Vashem where he was asked to lay a wreath in memory of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Gideon Hausner, who was the prosecutor at the trial of Adolf Eichmann, spoke to the mission at the site.

Irwin Dorfman, 67, to head Canadian Bar Association

WINNIPEG — Irwin Dorfman, 67, of Winnipeg, is the new president of the Canadian Bar Association. And as top spokesman for Canadian lawyers, he feels too many people are ignoring and deliberately flouting the law.

Disrespect for the law extends not only to disregarding court orders, but also the refusal to obey acts of Parliament, he pointed out. He cited the International Longshoremen's Association refusal to obey an act of Parliament ordering longshoremen back to work.

A specialist in commercial law, Dorfman was also critical of lawyers who encourage people to press grievances to the point of disobeying the law. "If the law is out of tune with society, then change the law — don't just ignore it."

He cited the Morgentaler case as another example of the popular disregard for the law.

"The law is clear on abortion and the courts merely applied the law as it is written. If the law is not in keeping with what society wants, then it should be changed. But that is not the court's responsibility.

Irwin Dorfman (Financial Post)

Arab lies countered

SASKATOON — The Jewish community here is fighting Arab propaganda on the University of Saskatchewan campus and in the city itself.

With the co-operation of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Canada-Israel Committee, the Zionist Organization of Canada is spearheading the fighting to combat the spread of Arab propaganda.

The drive is under the leadership of ZOC's honorary Vice-President Al Krolik. As a result of his efforts, the university's radio station now broadcasts a weekly pro-Israel program called **Dateline Israel.**

As well, Jewish students are now represented on the university newspaper **The Sheaf,** and on the student union council.

A booth providing information and materials on Israel will operate from the beginning of the university year. Publications, leaflets, and shelves of books on Israel and Zionism will be presented to university and city libraries.

The CIC was provided with a list of important public opinion makers who will, from now on, receive literature concerning Israel and Zionism.

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New Sinai disengagement accord is a valid contribution to peace

Although the new Sinai disengagement accord is the direct result of Arab and American pressure on a besieged Israel, the Israelis should not despair. The agreement certainly has its flaws, yet it is nevertheless a valid contribution to peace. Egypt has pledged that the Middle East conflict should be resolved by peaceful means and she has undertaken to permit Israeli-bound cargoes through the Suez Canal. As well, Cairo has recognized that Bab el-Mandeb, at the entrance of the Red Sea, is an international waterway.

But the agreement is significant for other reasons. It appears that the U.S. will not press Israel to make massive withdrawals on the Golan Heights nor ask her for a further interim pact in the Sinai. At this writing too, we understand that Washington has promised Israel not to hold talks with the PLO — a substantial Israel victory.

In return for her flexibility, Israel will receive unprecedented U.S. economic and military assistance, and American assurances that the Geneva conference will not be convened without Jerusalem's consent. In spite of what the skeptics may say, these are timely concessions that will give Israel a welcome respite from the diplomatic battles she has fought for the last two years.

Jordan unlikely to ask Moscow for arms if U.S. cuts missile order

Last month, in the face of a threatened Congressional veto of the disputed bill, the Ford Administration postponed the proposed sale of 14 Hawk missile batteries to Jordan. The deal, part of a massive $350 million weapons package that included 100 Vulcan anti-aircraft batteries and Redeye shoulder-fired missiles, was scuttled by New Jersey Republican Senator Clifford Case and his colleagues.

In spite of the considerable opposition engendered by the administration's ill-considered bill, President Ford and Secretary of State Kissinger are still hopeful of ramming the sale down Congress' throat. Messrs. Ford and Kissinger entertain hopes that the senators will change their minds before Sept. 10, the day a final decision is due to be made.

The chances are good that the White House will not succeed in handing over the 14 batteries to Jordan because opinion is so much against it. Elmo Zumwalt, retired chief of U.S. naval operations, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the sale would destabilize the Middle East by upsetting the delicate balance of power in the region. In clear, unambiguous language, Admiral Zumwalt argued that 14 Hawk batteries "greatly exceeds Jordan's requirements for the defence of Jordanian territory." Ominously, he explained that the weapons, in combination with Jordan's 62,000-strong army, "would permit, and in my judgment encourage (her) participation in another operative war against Israel."

Joining Admiral Zumwalt in opposing the sale was chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. George Brown, who will always be remembered for the anti-Semitic canards he spewed forth in a speech last year. Gen. Brown is reported to have said that three batteries, or at the most six, would be sufficient for Jordan's needs. Fourteen, he implied, could very well prompt Jordan to throw caution to the wind in the event of a fifth Arab-Israeli war.

The reasoning behind the administration's desire to promulgate this deal was questionable to begin with. Wracked by the endless nightmare that Jordan would turn to Russia if the U.S. rebuffed her, American planners figured that it was better to incur the anger of Israel, a reliable ally, than to lose footing in a shaky pro-Western enclave.

Seemingly confirming their theory, Hussein announced at an Amman news conference that he could buy an air defence system from Moscow, and might not be adverse to the idea of allowing Soviet technicians to set foot on his soil. "A compatible option does not exist in Europe and this means we will probably have to go to our friends in the Soviet Union," he said with a flourish.

Hussein's statement no doubt was uttered in haste and for effect and, therefore, should not be taken too literally. Like anyone else in the Middle East, Hussein realizes that the Soviets are not his friends and would do almost anything to topple his conservative regime. A canny ruler, Hussein is undoubtedly aware of the fact that 14 Russian missile batteries might salvage his pride and bring smiles to some of his army chieftains. But he must also know that his reliance on Soviet armaments would endanger the longevity of his monarchy. Washington, playing a tricky game, is not unaware of Hussein's current predicament and expects him to settle for less within an appropriate time.

When the controversy finally fades into obscurity and Jordan meekly decides to accept upwards of six Hawk batteries rather than the 14 she supposedly must have, everyone from the Israelis to the Americans will probably wonder what the fuss was about in the first place.

Guest Editorial

Rosh Hashanah is time to remember while looking ahead towards peace

By A.J. ARNOLD

The Jewish New Year is the Day of Memorial and also the Day of Remembrance. As we observe Rosh Hashanah 5736, it is important to understand that these are two distinctly different themes.

Commemoration of the departed begins in the week before Rosh Hashanah with a visit to the cemetery often communally arranged by the congregation. It is also intensely personal for each individual whose loved ones are now in their eternal resting place.

This Rosh Hashonah again brings us the painful reminder of those who lost their lives in defence of Israel in the Yom Kippur War of 5734. For the Jews as a people this was the most recent of many deeply tragic and cataclysmic events in world history when mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters have lost their lives. Most of these experiences, whether personally remembered or handed down through the recollection of others, are such that many Jews are overcome with the deepest feelings of sorrow and despair. But no matter how deeply we feel our losses on the Day of Memorial, we should not be driven to a pessimistic or fatalistic view of the world and our own position in it.

When we turn to the other theme of Rosh Hashanah — the Day of Remembrance — we discover the rejection of fatalism, a concept which is almost completely foreign to Jewish tradition. Probably the closest that we come to a fatalistic outlook in Jewish life is the view that in times of trouble, we must stand alone in the struggle for survival. As we survey our history this frequently appears to be true. Moreover, today we are often called upon to act as though we stand alone, especially when it comes to support of Israel. When such a call does come, whether it be for Israel or any other special Jewish concern, we should do so in a pragmatic rather than in a fatalistic manner.

In observing Rosh Hashanah 5736, it is important to remember the dynamic of human progress in which we have played a vital role throughout history. Theodor H. Gaster, a leading interpreter of traditional Jewish observances (**Festivals of the Jewish Year**) compares and contrasts Jewish practices with those of other people. He suggests that central to the idea of Rosh Hashanah as the Day of Remembrance is "the power of Memory itself...(as it) defies oblivion, breaks the coils of the present, establishes the continuity of the generations, and rescues human life and effort from futility...

"New Year's Day," according to Gaster, "is at once a day of judgment and a new beginning. If it looks backward, it does so only on the way forward; and its symbol is the trumpet of an eternal reveille." Reinterpreting the customs and myths of primitive times Rosh Hashanah is now looked upon as the anniversary and renewal of creation.

To rescue ourselves from futility in the spirit of the Day of Remembrance it is essential to learn how to be creative, in our homes, in groups, and in our communities. We would suggest that creativity does not consist merely in the building of new community structures, as important as such structures may be. The effectiveness of any community structure rather depends on the extent to which it encourages creativity in its constituency of agencies, member organizations and individual members.

As we celebrate Rosh Hashanah 5736 let us do so in the hope that Israel may soon break out of the stratifying conditions of war that have existed for 27 years and turn on to the path of peace and progress and before long to creative social development in concert with her neighbors. And may each of us find for ourselves in the Day of Remembrance a new understanding of how we can bring something creative into our homes and our community during the year ahead.

'When scapegoat needed, it was to be Jews'

Many Poles aided Nazis with genocide

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

Jews are forced to ride each other for the amusement of Nazi supporters in Poland in 1941. Many Poles aided Nazis in their barbarism.

It was 0445 hours (4:45 a.m.), Friday, Sept. 1, 1939. On that morning, the hope for "peace in our time" was shattered. Germany had invaded Poland.

Within 27 days, with many parts of the capital, Warsaw, levelled to the ground, the 150,000 square miles and 34,000,000 people of Poland fell into Nazi hands. For many Poles, including anywhere from two to three million of Poland's approximate 3,500,000 Jews, it was the beginning of the end.

Despite Hitler's pronouncements of peace after the question of Czechoslovakia was settled by one German gulp and one worthless piece of paper fluttering in the British prime minister's hand, the Germans were secretly working on plans to attack Poland. By April 3, 1939, the plans, under the code name "Fall Weiss," were ready.

Actually, the once powerful Kingdom of Poland of the 16th century was a far cry from the Poland that Russia and Germany chopped in two on Sept. 28, 1939. Over the four centuries, the country had been more and more enervated by a series of incompetent leaders, several major attacks by foreign powers, and the growing power of the Church which held great sway over the lives of the increasing number of indigent serfs.

As conditions worsened, time and again, when a scapegoat was needed, it was to be the Jews of Poland that would be singled out.

All this set the stage for events that were nothing short of evil incarnate. The Germans, who had little use for the Christian Poles, had even less use for the Jewish Poles. Thus, almost immediately after the occupation of Poland, Nazi atrocities against the Jews began. After centuries of actively persecuting their Jewish neighbors, not only did the majority of non-Jewish Poles look away at the Nazi barbarity toward the Jews, but, in numerous cases, actually aided the conqueror of their country.

Encouraged by the lack of opposition against attacks on the Jews, the Nazis changed sporadic atrocities to a methodical system of genocide. To expedite this process, the Jews of Poland were rounded up and shoved into ghetto areas, which, more often than not, had previously been slum dwellings.

Overcrowded, underfed, living in unhygienic conditions that were conducive to typhus epidemics, having little or no fuel and constantly being harassed by the Nazis, it is little wonder that for approximately one-fifth of the Jews, the ghettos turned into death traps even before the Nazis were able to implement their plans for a quicker and more systematic form of mass murder.

But, as the bombs fell in the hours of that September morning, none of this was even envisioned. At this point, the world was focused on the governments of France and Britain and their commitment to Poland.

As a result, at 11:15 a.m. on Sept. 3, Britain announced she was at war with the Third Reich. At 5 p.m. France made a similar announcement. World War II had begun.

Highly developed music of First Temple liturgy further enriched by composers after dispersion

By JACOB BELLER

There is an opinion that the melodies of various prayers, of **slichot** and the **piyuttim** (poetry) go back to the time of the giving of the Torah. At the crossing of the Red Sea Moses and the children of Israel sang the **Oz Yoshir.** At the time of the First Temple, the music of the Temple liturgy was highly developed and advanced.

JACOB BELLER

Pinchas Minkowsky reminds us that the vocal music of the Temple was in the choral form known as antiphonal consisting of alternating responsive parts. One soloist would recite **Tzadik adonai b'chol drachav** (Righteous is the Lord in all his ways") and the others would respond **V'chessid b'chol maassav** (...And gracious in all His deeds") accompanied by harps and other musical instruments. The priests would begin the service with the "Song of the Day."

No exact history exists of the music of the Temple. What is known is that when Jews were driven to Rome and Babylon after the destruction of the Second Temple they took with them styles of sacred music. They would choose one among their number who possessed a good voice as their **sh'liyach tzibbur** i.e. their prayer leader or emissary, and in time there grew up various styles of songs done by unnamed authors. Prayers and **piyuttim** (poetry) were likewise written and composed by unknown authors.

In the age of the Talmud religious music was highly appraised. Commenting on the passage in the Psalms Zmiroth hayuli chokotecha ("The song has become my law") the Talmud says in the Tractate Megilla page 32: ("Whoever reads the Scriptures without a melody and the Talmud without a tune removes the meaning of what he reads.")

The so called traditional "basic" style of sacred song was created by the masses in the countries where they lived under the influence of European music. These would include such pieces as **Barchu, Magen, Avraham, Aleinu, Hamelech** of the High Holy Days service. On the melody **Kol Nidrei** there is a prevalent opinion that it dates from the time of the Spanish Inquisition and the Marranos. The fact is, however, that the Sephardic Jews are totally unfamiliar with the Kol Nidrei prayer, which is not even found in their High Holy Day prayerbooks.

The history of hazzanut goes back to the period of the Middle Ages. There were hazzanim who created texts for prayers called **piyuttim** (poetry) done in various forms and with music. Among them was Eliezer Hakalir who lived in the 10th century. He enriched the liturgy with a number of pieces such as **Yotzer, Kinah** (Lamentations) **S'licha** (Forgiveness) **Pizmon** (Psalm). Later there was Meir ben Isaac, who died in the city of Worms in the year 1060, who was the author of **Akdamoth** (Prelude) recited on Shavuoth. The great scholar Rashi called him "Colleague and Teacher." There were also Joseph ben Nachman, who was cantor in the city of Wurzburg; Joseph ben Jacob Alkali, who was a cantor in Sicily; Mordecai ben Shabbatai, Itzchak Moshe, Isaac Sa'ud who lived in the 12th century in the Spanish city of Toledo and Mosheh Hazakkan (Moses and Aged) who lived in London in the 13th century.

There was a rivalry that went on between the style of Spain and that of Germany. If there was a shortage of music it was borrowed from non-Jewish sources. If this was not adequate the **payetannim** (poets) began to create their own improvisations. In the 16th century the Italian Jewish poet-composer Solomon de Rossi (known as Ebreo) who was court poet and singer at the court of the Prince of Mantus from 1587 to 1628 began to compose songs and music for Jewish prayers.

In the time of Moses Mendelsohn cantors began to recite their prayers with the accompaniment of choirs which aroused protests from the pious Jews. It was the Viennese cantor Salomon Sulzer who established hazzanut on a solid base. He was the creator of the synagogue music of today. His compositions circulated throughout the entire world of Jewry. He died at the age of 86 and is regarded as the founder of modern hazzanut.

It was in the 19th century that hazzanut reached its epogee and its greatest blossoming period. Poland was then the world centre of hazzanut. The level of the profession was raised by academically-trained cantors and by thoroughly schooled theoreticians who developed their skill to the highest degree. The Yiddish theatre had just began, and Jews enjoyed to the full the hearty **niggun** of the cantors. Thousands of Jews would fill the synagogues to enjoy a choice selection of the cantorial art. The folk song: **Iz gekumen a chazandl davenen a shabes — ol hot er g'davent,** shows how popular hazzanut was.

The Chassidim were not enthusiasts of modern hazzanut but this does not mean that they had no understanding or feel of religious melody. The Baal Shem Tov, Nachman Bratzlover, and other well-known Chassidic Rebbe'im were believers of the passage: **Avdu eth Adonai B'simcha** (serve the Lord with joy) and **Ba'u l'fanav b'ran'nah** ("to come before Him with song.") To express that joy and inspiration in the prayers especially at the table of the Rebbe, dozens of hands would link in a ceremonial dance in the form of a circle.

The cantorial melodies with their professional subtleties did not fit into the chassidic way of things. The Chassidic Rebbis therefore created their own musical measures. Every Chassidic dynasty had its own composition and its own tunes — the Lubavitcher, the Bobover, the Sadigorer, the Roptchizer and though they may not have been in keeping with the musical code of rules and were even without benefit of notes, they were infused with warmth and spirit, full of the joy and the hope that at the Rebbe's table drives away the workaday feeling and brings in faith and assurance for a better tomorrow. After the Rebbe's blessing, they would unwind and let themselves go in an ardent dance.

The well known chalutzim song **Havah Nagilah** which is generally sung to the accompaniment of a **horah,** has been transformed and adapted in the United States and Canada to jazz called **Nagila.** It is a Chassidic tune which the Sadigorer Chassidim brought with them to Palestine. According to his book **The History of Hebrew Oriental Melodies.** Professor Zvi Idelsohn says that the Sadigorer Chassidim brought this tune to Palestine in the year 1915. Idelsohn transcribed it to musical notes in 1918 when he wanted to use it for a popular concert and it occurred to him that this would be appropriate. He immediately improvised Hebrew words for the music and the song so seized the fancy of the audience that the next day all of Jerusalem was singing it. It spread through the Holy Land like wildfire and eventually, as we know, became an American hit tune.

Jacob Beller of Montreal is a well-known contributor to several Jewish publications.

Teachers strongly oppose decision which replied to student demands for optional grade 11 and 12 math

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Israel's Ministry of Education is under violent attack from local mathematics teachers because of its decision that 11th and 12th grade students will no longer be obliged to pass courses in mathematics in order to matriculate.

Cutting the teaching of mathematics, they argue with great vehemence, will undermine high schools and hamstring universities, forcing the latter to disregard high school diplomas and devise a battery of entrance examinations (not yet common in Israel). Even worse, according to the teachers, the army will find itself short of men with the kind of mathematical background required to handle sophisticated modern weapons.

The controversy can only be understood against the background of Israel's educational system, which differs considerably, for example, from that in Canada. Hitherto, there has been only a limited degree of specialization even in the last two years of high schools. Thus 11th and 12th grade students concentrating on mathematics and science have had to pass courses in history and literature in order to matriculate, while those interested in the humanities were called upon to take (and pass) courses in science and mathematics.

Though there had long been complaints about the burden these requirements imposed on students, demands for a change only came to a head several years ago when the Education Ministry revealed that 40% of the 12th grade humanities students were failing matriculation mathematics.

As an interim measure, the examination was made easier, thus allowing a large percentage of examinees to slip under the wire, but this only disguised the problem without solving it. So the ministry decided on more drastic actions: students in the last two years of high school, it announced, could choose to study maths at various levels, or not study maths at all.

The ensuing storm of protests came not only from mathematics teachers, but also from university senates. However, I recently heard a different view from a leading academic who, among his other activities, advises the Ministry of Education on the teaching of mathematics.

"There is no reason why 11th and 12th humanities students should be forced to pass matriculation examinations in mathematics," he told me, "if they are not interested in the subject. Of course, in making their decision, they will have to take into consideration the fact that without mathematics, some university faculties won't admit them. But even today faculties set their own entrance requirements, and this would not basically alter the situation."

This professor has little patience with the mathematics teachers who predict imminent doom in the military sphere should some young Israelis fail to study mathematics in their final years at high school. "So far as I know," he observes, "no army demands that all its paratroopers, sailors or even artillerymen be able to solve differential equations."

ask the rabbi

White is worn on New Year for a variety of reasons

1. Why do pious Jews clothe themselves in white on Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur?

White seems to be the characteristic color of the day. The curtain on the ark is changed to a white one. The male worshippers wear white gowns. Even women wear white on Rosh Hashanah. Various explanations have been offered. Some claim that it is because it reminds us of the "shrouds of death" which are traditionally white. The worshippers are thus reminded to pray for their lives and to keep in mind that on Rosh Hashanah life and death are at stake. Some claim that it is because white is symbolic of purity and atonement from early times (Isaiah 1:18). Wearing white thus indicates that we seek to appear pure and forgiven of sins. The Talmud also considers white the color of Joy (Jerushalmi, Rosh Hashanah 1:3). Jews appear clothed in a joyous mood because one is supposed to approach the Day of Judgment in confidence and trust in the Almighty that he will forgive us because we are appearing in penitence and prayer before Him.

Yom Kippur War hero Assa Kadmoni (left), who returned his medal of valor in protest of government policy regarding disengagement with Egypt, argues with Police Commander Arye Iftzan. Demonstrations took place outside Foreign Minister Allon's home.

Another demonstrator didn't fare too well. This woman is escorted away by police after she was arrested for causing a disturbance. Protests took place throughout Israel as the shuttle diplomacy continued. About 200,000 persons took part in these demonstrations.

And at the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv, hundreds of Israelis showed up to demonstrate against the visit of U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. Rabbits are held up along with a sign reading "These are your ministers, Israel." (IPPA photographs)

Felix Iskaki on the Jews of Egypt

'Government treats us with respect,' says Cairo's Jewish community head

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

CAIRO, Egypt —

Felix Iskaki, the 75-year-old president of Cairo's Jewish Community Council, fused the past with the present as he sat in his high-ceilinged drawing room in Garden City, a leafy upper-middle class neighborhood in this sprawling metropolis.

"I am sure the government treats us with respect," said Iskaki, a squat, mournful man in reply to a question. "And the people — the old kind who know Jews well — have great consideration for us."

It was late in the afternoon and the fierce Egyptian sun was just beginning to relent for another day, bathing the room filled with framed sepia photos and uninspiring oil canvasses with brilliant summer light. As Iskaki spoke, an old grandfather clock ticked the time away.

Iskaki, the officially appointed Jewish emissary to the Egyptian government, wore a blue suit, white shirt and a tie in spite of the heat. He was polite and courtly, though I had been 45 minutes late for our interview.

Although he did not say so in as many words, the old man conveyed the distinct impression that I was a privileged guest. In previous years, he related, he had to get the government's permission to speak to foreign journalists. This was the first time he had consented to see a reporter without consulting the omnipotent authorities, he disclosed. I never found out why he relaxed his guard for me.

With a heavy voice, he compared the rich, glorious past with the drab present. "The young Egyptians don't know the reality," he began tentatively. "There's a war and they — the younger generation — think the Jews are the enemy." He said this with restrained bitterness and considerable puzzlement.

"In my building, we have three Christians and two Muslims and they like me like they like themselves," he continued.

Iskaki, who lives four street numbers away from the yellow Canadian embassy building at 10 Rustum Pasha, has been president of the Jewish Community Council for four years. Yusef Dana, a lawyer, is the vice-president.

The Council maintains synagogues and represents the community —350 Jews in Cairo and 150 in Alexandria — in all legal and governmental matters. A few Jews to whom I spoke complained that Iskaki was tired and ineffectual, a tool of the regime.

"I am received with great respect and consideration by prominent Muslim families," he was saying, trying to tell me that even 27 years of war have not undermined his friendships.

Although there are undoubtedly moments when he must feel like a stranger in a strange land, Iskaki is essentially at ease in the land in which his family has called home for some 100 years.

He is theoretically in retirement but that hardly prevents him from supervising his wholesale textile business that was far larger 20 or 30 years ago than it is today.

He has two brothers and a sister, one brother living in Austria and another, Fernando, in Montreal. His sister is 80-years-old. She is infirm and, according to him, has still to recover from the traumatic shock of her husband's death last March.

Speaking of present-day conditions in Egypt, Iskaki, a fairly alert man despite a faltering memory, said the community "is treated very well" by the government. "On the high feasts — presumably Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur — a delegation of important government officials visit our synagogue (one of some 18 in Cairo) to convey their greetings," he explained. "And if I have some troubles, (he did not specify) I can communicate with the investigation (the government), and they help me."

Unlike a few of the timid Jews whom I had previously met, Iskaki showed some interest in the current Middle East situation. But he, too, was basically reticent about expanding the conversation.

"It is much better not to speak of politics in any way," he murmured. "We don't know the consequences."

I asked him if he ever read the foreign press to balance his picture of Middle East realities. Unconvincingly, he said there was not time to read such material, which is easily available in Cairo.

"Sometimes I listen to the Voice of America or Radio Monte Carlo," he offered, hinting that perhaps he is better informed of the situation than actually appears to be the case.

Iskaki glanced at his wrist watch. The interview was over. He rose from his chair and went to the kitchen to attend to his sister. A few minutes later, he returned.

"I am tired," he said with a little weariness in his voice. "I need a long, long holiday."

Next week: Middle East Diary and Portrait of a Frightened Jew.

Staff reporter Sheldon Kirshner brought back this marble fragment from a headstone in Bassatine, desecrated Jewish cemetery on the outskirts of Cairo. (Jacob El-Baz photo)

More unfinished business of the year 5735

By J.B. SALSBERG

Last week I attempted a brief overview of the Jewish calendar year 5735 which is now departing. I concluded that most, if not all, major Jewish problems remained unsolved at year's end.

In my list of current Jewish priorities, the future of Israel occupies the topmost position. The relationship between Israel and, what a lot of people call, the Diaspora comes next in importance and the Soviet Jewish challenge is third.

Last week, when Kissinger had begun his latest Middle East shuttle, I devoted this space to the critical Israel-Arab situation. I arrived at certain general conclusions which I find, a week later and when Kissinger's efforts are on the verge of conclusion, still to be valid. If no last minute hitch develops the interim agreement between Israel and Egypt will constitute only a first step in Israel's long struggle for a just, secure and lasting peace. Now let us glance at the two other unsolved problems that the old year leaves at the doorstep of the new.

2. Israel and the Jews of the Western World.

The rebirth of the Jewish state created a new, central issue in Jewish life. It is that of the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora.

It should, perhaps, be stated that all this is of concern only to the Jewish communities of the West. Those in the East — Soviet and Arab countries — are still challenged by the elementary problems of retaining their cultural and religious identity and by their basic, human right to leave the countries of their birth. The area of disagreement between Israel and the Diaspora is actually focussed only on the Jewish communities in the U.S., Britain, France, Canada, Australia, South Africa and South America.

Basically, the differences revolve around such issues as priorities in Jewish life: Israel's authority in the Diaspora communities and vice-versa; supremacy of Israel in the religious and intellectual sphere of world Jewry or a free association of equals. This knot of problems that Jewish statehood created remains unresolved and continues to find expression in many forms in the stress and strain of coping with Jewish crises and challenges.

In my opinion this is not an issue that will, if left alone, somehow disappear. It will not. On the contrary, it will, taking into account the relative weight and role of certain western Jewish communities, lead to more serious frictions.

It was, therefore, very important that this difficulty was officially and formally recognized during the past year by both sides and a decision was reached, at the last assembly of the World Jewish Congress in Jerusalem, to come to grips with it and to attempt to find a set of acceptable guidelines.

A joint committee of the top agencies and organizations concerned with this area of Jewish life was formed, experts were being assembled and, to all appearances, the matter was going to be resolved with reasonable dispatch. But at the first meeting of the committee it was quickly realized that the problem was more complex and more difficult than was first appreciated. It was agreed that more "preparatory work" was necessary...

And so, another major Jewish problem remained unsolved in the year 5735. It's all yours, 5736!

3. Problem of Russian Jews unchanged.

The painful problem of the Jews in the Soviet Union was no closer to solution at the end of the year than it was a year ago. Emigration has declined; there are still between three and three-and-a-half million Jews in the USSR; there is still no agreement, no established pattern and no fixed rules or regulations governing Jewish emigration, and there is still no semblance of organized Jewish educational, religious or social and community life in Russia. Nor has there been a halt in the vindictive persecution of those Jews who apply for permission to leave country.

If that picture of darkness needed additional black color, it got it plentifully during the past year. I refer to the vulgar, scurrilous, anti-Semitic books and "learned articles" that appeared in the USSR during the past 12 months. Even some known Communists and some pro-Soviet publications in the west condemned those anti-Semitic aberrations and likened them to the notorious, Czarist anti-Semitic forgeries known as the Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

On this front our battle continues, without respite, into the new year.

With stout hearts let us face the new year and may it be one of fulfilment of our hopes and aspirations. Shanah Tovah.

Letters to the Editor

Responsibility to covenant comes first

Dear Editor:

In Ellie Tesher's article (CJN, Aug. 1, 1975) on the positive effects of feminism on Jewish life, I think that Mrs. Hoschander caught what is primary. Judaism revolves around the actions of the individual, then the family, then the community. In fulfillment of all the mitzvot between one person and another and between each of us and G—d — ethical business dealings, moral relationships, kindness, blessings on food and on numerous daily occurrences, Kashruth, the Sabbath and holidays — every Jewish man and woman is obligated. Of course we must be part of a community to have a mikvah, a day school, and a synagogue to fulfil the mitzvot, but we begin with the responsibility of the individual in the covenant with G—d, then move on to the community.

It is a sign of how far we have travelled from the essentials of Jewish life if temple membership rules are a high-water mark in one's religious experience. The Orthodox synagogues I've belonged to have always been open to any man or woman who wanted to join, interested more in opening the synagogue to caring individuals rather than in limiting access.

It is, however, encouraging to see how many women care deeply about their Jewishness. The rights of the Jewish woman that matter are to know how to read and understand Hebrew, to study the Torah, to learn what our prayers mean and why we say each prayer when we do, to learn the Jewish way of life: our outlook, our actions, and our history.

When it comes to the Jewish way of life I would be extremely cautious about proposing any changes. Just as I, with my limited experience of piano lessons in 6th grade, would not 'correct' Beethoven's music, so should we, with our limited knowledge, beware of tinkering with the Halacha.

To all those women who are working to enhance their Jewish consciousness, not in glib "lib" slogans, but through learning and observance, may you go "from strength to strength" (Psalm 84.8).

Rivkah Blau,
Elizabeth, N.J.

Dear Editor:

I am absolutely incredulous that the B'nai B'rith has decided to hold its 1978 convention in Toronto, as a means of congratulating the Canadian government for its "expression of international morality" in keeping the PLO out of Canada for the UN crime conference.

I am even more incredulous that **The Canadian Jewish News** would write an editorial to praise this move. If Canada's action was an example of international morality, then that only serves to convince me even more that there is no morality left in the world.

Jewish organizations in Canada are overjoyed that Canada has agreed to "postpone" the UN crime conference, but they are blind-absolutely blind. The Canadian government's decision was gutless and weak. Their only reason for postponing the conference was that the "climate was not right."

In the next breath, they said that next year the conference could take place, and that PLO delegates would be allowed in, as long "as they were not known terrorists." They are also quite prepared to let the UN Habitat conference go on in Vancouver next year, with PLO delegates. I hardly call this international morality.

I feel ashamed that such weak-kneed rulers form the government of the country I live in. Not once has the Canadian government come out against the PLO gangsters and their murderous actions against citizens of many countries. This government decision is but another in a series of moves designed to show the world that Canada wished to remain neutral on the Mideast question, while actually showing to moral people throughout the world a decided lack of morality.

David Rosenbaum,
Willowdale, Ont.

Dear Editor:

The article "Wife cannot force Get from husband," (CJN, Aug. 15), illustrates the dilemma of the responsible modern woman in Jewish law and the Jewish community.

Why the civil courts? Why such an expensive solution? Where is the Jewish community?

Why cannot this delinquent Orthodox husband be denied the privileges of the synagogue and his position in the Jewish community? The man's parents as well as anyone doing business with him might be included.

Judaism allows a man the right to refuse his wife a Get for his own outrageous reasons. Why? Also, why is the cost of a Get so high — in excess of $125? There are Jewish poor!

Kayla Armel;
Willowdale.

A few bits and pieces of information on Rosh Hashanah that fell from rabbi's shofar so he might share them

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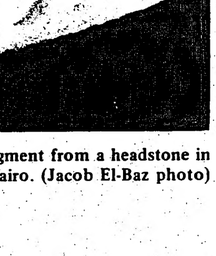

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Rosh Hashanah 5736 — May it be for a blessing...

A few bits and pieces that fell out of my shofar...

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Everyone gets nervous on Rosh Hashanah — even angels. Imagine — "**u'malocheem yalchofazun**...angels rush, full of awe and trembling..." It's strange though — what are they uptight about...what kind of sins can you do in heaven? But it teaches an important thing... Whenever a Jew does a mitzvah, he creates an angel. If he does the mitzvah right, the angel looks like Mark Spitz. But if he messes things up, he gives tzedakah, but with a sour face, or he has a mezuzah, but the parchment is a little rubbed out, the angels are also not so ay-yay-yay... They limp a little, or they're missing a hand or an ear. On Rosh Hashanah, when the Ribono shel Olam counts how many angels a Jew has to his credit, they rush by so He shouldn't see what they're missing... (Devash v'Chalav)

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Who needs the weather bureau? Our rabbis had their own system — **raish shato chamima, kulo shato chamima** — if Rosh Hashanah is warm, the whole year will be warm. But they weren't just talking about Celsius. On Rosh Hashanah, if instead of sitting back and listening to the chazan, a Jew turns himself on with fervent davening to the Ribono shel Olam... If instead of just visiting relatives after services, he studies Torah, reads Tehillim and spends time looking into himself — he'll be turned on and hot to do mitzvahs the whole year... (Rabbi Mordechai Lechevitsher)

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The Almighty is a pushover — you just have to know the loopholes. Consider...the very first day of the year, when every shul is packed, what do we read from the Torah? How Ishmael was thrown out of his home, and sent wandering in the desert. Between you and me — couldn't they find anything better to read about on Rosh Hashanah than the father of the Arabs?

But the Almighty taught us a little kosher finagling... When Ishamel was dying of thirst, the Ribono shel Olam went to save him. All the angels complained — "this is the man who's going to be the grandfather of Assad and Arafat who want to destroy your children, let him die..." But G—d said, "listen, I know he was bad before, and I know he'll be wicked in the future — but right now he's not **hurting anyone**, and I only judge people '**ba'asher hu sham**,' the way they are at the moment..." The same way, which one of us can really say we were so perfect this past year — and how different will we be the coming year? But if at least on Rosh Hashanah and the 10 Days of Teshuva we act super-careful, then the Almighty winks and stamps our passport for a good year... (Rabbi David of Leluv).

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It's not all heart, though — a Jew has to use **saychel** on Rosh Hashanah. We have to pray not only for what we want, but what the Ribono shel Olam wants. What do I mean? We say, "**zachrainu l'chayim**...remember us for life, O King who delightest in life... **l'ma'anch. Elokim chayim** — for Thy sake, O living G—d..." But what kind of baloney is that? It's our skins we're trying to save, so why is it for G—d's sake? But we say to the Almighty, "let's make a deal. Give us life not just so we can pay the mortgage and send our kids through college, but for Your sake, so we can study Torah, keep the Shabbos, help those in need. This way we'll both make a profit..." (Sefat Emes)

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There is a time for everything — Rosh Hashanah is a time to do, not talk. Let us who meet each week through this column take upon ourselves to fulfil one new mitzvah this coming year. It can be a little thing, like saying Shema in the morning and evening (two minutes, that's all), giving a few cents into the pushka each day, studying Torah five minutes a day, keeping out food from our home unless it has a **hechsher**...even making sure that our mezuzahs are kosher... What a gain... What a **z'chus** it would be for all Israel!

May the Almighty bless you and yours with health and **Yiddishe nachas**, may the Messiah come this year. Good Yom Tov and Shabbat Shalom.

Please note our Sparks from the Torah TV schedule: *Metro Cable, Mondays at 7:30, Wednesdays at 5; York Cable, Tuesdays at 8; Willow Downs Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30; Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 8.*

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

CONSERVATIVE SISTERHOODS

An all-day open board meeting on the theme, **The Larger Family,** begins the new season for the Ontario Branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism. The meeting takes place at B'nai Israel Beth David Synagogue, Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 10 a.m. The morning will be mainly a business session. Guest speaker at the afternoon session, beginning at 2 p.m., will be Father Arthur Gibson, chairman of religious studies at St. Michael's College. His talk, **The Largest Family,** will focus on his recent trip to the Soviet Union.

A NEW HOSPITAL SERVICE

Something new at Mount Sinai Hospital — a patient representative program to help patients with some of their non-medical problems. The idea is to augment the work already being done by medical and paramedical staff by providing the patient with a specific person to talk to. The patient representatives, Bonnie Beverstein and Janine Pearlman, meet with the patient and/or family to discuss the problems. Then by co-ordinating the facts, which may involve personnel in various departments, they can come up with a solution. The patient and family are kept informed along the way, and a follow-up will be part of the program.

FOR STAMP COLLECTORS

The Judaica Post, a publication for stamp and coin enthusiasts, resumes publication this fall, after a 13 year lapse. The bi-monthly journal will cover the entire range of Judaica, as seen through stamps and coins. It will be edited by Dr. Eli Grad, president of Hebrew College in Brookline, Mass., and well-known to Torontonians as the former education director at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. The publisher and distributor will be Ari Ben-David of Toronto, past president of the World Philatelic Congress of Israel.

OPEN COLLEGE COURSE

Ryerson Open College has moved into four branches of the North York Public Library. Beginning Oct. 1, a university credit course in developmental psychology (on cassette tapes) is being offered at the Bathurst Heights, Don Mills, Willowdale and York Woods branches. It will be available to any student of any age or educational background, at any time during regular library hours. There is a course fee for textbooks, essay marking, seminars and workshops. If the course is taken on a non-credit basis, there is no charge. For information, contact Open College at 595-5263.

MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Construction has begun on Toronto's newest Jewish funeral home — the Steeles Memorial Chapel Inc. on Steeles between Bathurst and Yonge Streets. According to company president Cantor Paul Sheldon, it is the first new chapel in the Toronto area in 40 years. It will be strictly traditional in every detail, with all facilities, including three chapels, all on one floor. The building is expected to be completed and in operation by Feb. 1.

PARCELS FOR SOLDIERS

Canadian Friends of Soldiers Welfare in Israel is asking you to remember Israel's soldiers during this holiday season. This can be done by sending funds to their office at 788 Marlee Ave., for gift parcels which will be packaged in Israel and delivered to the individual soldiers.

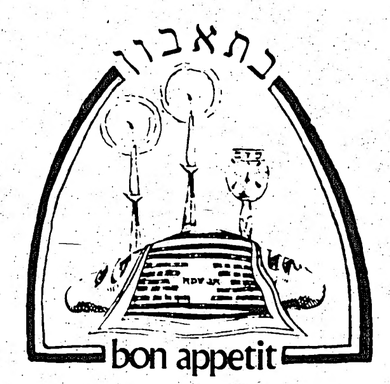
FOLK DANCING

The fall series in international and recreational folk dancing at Adath Israel Synagogue, begins Thursday, Sept. 18, with an open house at 8:30 p.m. Instructors Doris Epstein and Reva Diamond tell us that no prior dancing experience is necessary and that participants can come "singly or in couples." For information, call 633-4045.

THE VIOLIN PLAYS AGAIN

The award-winning film short, **The Violin,** is to be the featured program at the Toronto Lodge B'nai B'rith general meeting this Monday, Sept. 8. Commentary will be provided by noted violinist Maurice Solway, star of the film, which has been seen in movie houses and on television screens here in Canada, the U.S. and Britain. The time is 8:30 p.m., at 471 Lawrence Ave., West.

Sweetness is rule for Rosh Hashanah dishes



By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

Rosh Hashanah is many people's favorite festival. Offsetting the despondency often occasioned by the approach of Labor Day — one last fling before the encroaching gloom of winter — Rosh Hashanah invariably produces a buoyant mood of renewal and anticipation.

Second in importance only to Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah derives its special stamp from the high solemnity and pomp, the tranquility induced by the fullness of the year, the quickening of the pulse at the change of seasons, and the two-day long atmosphere of festivity, filled with visiting and the exchange of good wishes between family and friends.

On Rosh Hashnah, the festive board groans both literally, with a more liberal variety of rich foods than usual, and figuratively, with the symbolism which is an inseparable part of this festival.

Among the various Jewish communities, the motifs of circularity and sweetness appear constantly in the dishes and confections served on Rosh Hashanah. Roundness, seen in the circular **challot,** the spiral pastries, and the rounds of carrot, signifies the continuity of the yearly cycle, the fullness and completion of the year, and the ideal of perfection.

Sweetness is the rule in preparing dishes for the new year. No bitter, sour or heavily-spiced foods may be used. This is symbolic of wishes for a year of happiness and prosperity, unmarred by bitterness or failure.

Many foods make their appearance on the table because their names carry powerful associations of good fortune or blessings for the coming year.

Prominent among these is the ancient custom of serving the head of an animal on the first night of Rosh Hashanah. Each person present who partakes of the dish, utters the hope that Israel will be "at the head" and "not at the tail." The animal preferred varies. In some communities it was common to serve a sheep's head in memory of the **Akedah** (the binding of Isaac upon the altar for sacrifice). To this day, Moroccan Jews serve a sheep's head as the centrepiece of the festive meal.

(I was told that even at current Israeli prices of 45 Israeli pounds a kilogram — somewhat under $4 a pound for lamb — only the very poorest of the Moroccan community will serve the head of a fish and a fish meal instead.)

Otherwise, among the majority of Ashkenazi communities, the head of a fish is preferred.

From ancient times until the present day, leeks, beets, pumpkins and dates are incorporated into the symbol-laden ritual of Rosh Hashanah. A morsel of each is taken with the appropriate blessing evoked by its Aramaic name. The word for beet in Aramic, for instance, is silki. The corresponding blessing is "**she yistalkoo olvelnu**": that our enemies will be scattered.

The name of a food, in any language, can also qualify it for the Rosh Hashanah meal. Carrot stew — **mehrentzimmes** — is a universally-loved dish among Jews of European origin. The reason given is simply that **mehr** is Yiddish both for "carrot" and for "more": the hope being that there will be an abundance of good things in the coming year.

Sweet potatoes and honeydew melons are also appropriate dishes for the new year, just because of their names. In fact, new traditions can be created merely by hunting around for foods whose names, in any language, are expressive and evocative of the special meaning of the festival.

Here is a dessert made from honeydew melon and crystallized ginger, which seems to me most appropriate for Rosh Hashanah. The presentation is festive, the ginger makes it extra special, it is **pareve,** and it is light — a perfect end to a large meal, which leaves plenty of room for the honey cake and other confections to follow.

Honeydew and Ginger Ice
1 good-sized honeydew melon
1/2 cup crystallized ginger
2 cups water
1 cup sugar
juice 1 large lemon
2 tblsps. brandy or sherry
small bunches of white grapes for garnish

1. combine water and sugar and boil down until syrupy. Slice off the top of the melon close to the stem and scoop out all the flesh carefully, leaving the shell intact. Place the shell with the top inside the refrigerator until serving time

2. whirl melon flesh in blender until pulped, place in bowl and add cooled syrup equal in quantity to the melon pulp, and the lemon juice. Beat for a few minutes with rotary whisk and place in a container to freeze

3. the mixture should be whisked twice more before it is finally allowed to freeze solid. Failure to do this will result in granular chunks of ice rather than a smooth water-ice dessert. At the last whisking, add the crystallized ginger cut into small slivers or cubes. To serve: fill the melon shell with the water-ice. Balance the cap of the melon atop the ice, and stand it on a platter wrapped in a napkin and surrounded by clusters of white grapes. Serve scoops of the ice directly from the melon shell, garnishing each with a cluster of grapes

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L'Shana Tova Tikatevu

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Israeli Vice-Consul Miriam Ziev and Rabbi David Monson (second from right), president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, were guests of honor at the donation of an ambulance by the Lodzer Centre Mutual Benefit Society to the people of Israel. Others are Abe Blady (left) and Zenek Wajgensberg, society executives. This is third ambulance donated by the society. (Gadi Hoz photo)

...about people

Michael C. Feldman

Toronto publisher **Michael C. Feldman** is the new president of the Ontario Region of the United Synagogue of America, which represents 15 Conservative congregations in the province. A past president of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, (and much involved in the community, both Jewish and non-Jewish), he succeeds **Harold Cohen** of B'nai Israel Beth David. Five of the vice-presidents are from the Toronto area — **Harry Berns,** Beth Am; **Louis Burke,** Beth Sholom; **Phil Granovsky,** Adath Israel, **Harvey Haber,** Beth Tikvah, and **Marvin Miller,** Beth Tzedec. One is from London — **Dr. Benjamin Goldberg** of Or Shalom.

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Rose Wolfe has been appointed to the governing council of the University of Toronto. This makes her one of the 48-member board concerned with overall policy-making, such as finances, faculty appointments (and suspensions), admission standards, and curriculum content. Her term runs for three years, and all of this is in addition to her other numerous community activities. To name a few — United Way executive, Congress Central Region vice-president, United Jewish Welfare Fund, Jewish Family and Child Service, and the Ontario Association of Family Agencies.

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Busy with plans for their big meeting in Israel next February, the Canadian Zionist Federation convention committee, headed by Toronto lawyer **Louis Silver,** now includes **Stella Toronto** of Ottawa, who has accepted the vice-chairmanship. **Layah Borod** of Montreal is convention co-ordinator, Toronto's **Norman May** is in charge of program, and there will be an assist from **Amnon Gil-Ad,** of the Israeli government tourist office.

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A nice way to celebrate — when **Dr. and Mrs. Solomon Jacob Woolfson** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently, a fund was established in their name in aid of Israel. It was all arranged by their three children, **Sidney Woolfson, Loretta (Mrs. Arthur) Lundy,** and **Professor Peter Woolfson** of the University of Vermont, who marked the occasion by giving a buffet supper party in their parents honor, and instead of personal gifts, the guests set up a fund for a first aid station in Ma'alot.

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Louis Stulberg, the 74-year-old labor leader who retired as president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union this month, got his basic training in the labor movement in Toronto, when he joined the local union back in 1916. Born in Poland, he came to Canada as a child. He graduated from Harbord Collegiate, going on to the University of Chicago after moving to the U.S.

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For the first time, someone from the Druze community is to be part of Israel's delegation to the UN. He is **Zeidan Attashe,** 36, who has been in New York for the past couple of years as information attache at the Israel consulate.

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Rabbi David Monson, president of the Zionist Organization of Canada, expressed gratitude on behalf of his Organization to the Canadian Chiefs of Police assembled at the 70th Annual Conference at the Royal York Hotel. He commended The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police stand in the question of the admission of the **PLO** to the Crime Conference in Toronto

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Rabbi Michael Herzbrun

Temple Sinai is welcoming a new member to its staff. He's **Rabbi Michael Herzbrun,** assistant to **Rabbi Jordan Pearlson.** The young rabbi, who was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, hails from Cleveland and has a masters degree in clinical psychology from Ohio State University. He will be devoting his time mainly to the young people of the congregation — the school, youth and young singles and couples. The Herzbruns (his wife Pnina is a Sabra) have already settled in Toronto in time for the High Holy days.

Spread a little Clover Leaf

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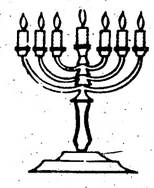

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Kalmen Berger was a special breed of immigrant who brought fiery enthusiasm for community work

TORONTO —

When we hear accounts of the great achievements of the Zionist movement, first in Palestine and then Israel, we inevitably find repeated references to the remarkable, almost mystical role played by the members of the Second Aliyah. The people of the Ben Gurion generation — the Baratzs the Ben Zvis, Shazars, the Eshkols, etc. They seem to have been a special breed, born into the yeshivot of Eastern Europe and breaking out into a creative, revolutionary nationalism that took many of them into varied studies and careers in all the corners of Europe and the Middle East.

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But over the years we have found that not only Israel was the beneficiary of such immigrant pioneers — "chalutzim" if you like, but western Jewish communities as well.

Kalmen Berger was such a personality in the Toronto Jewish Community. From the earliest years of his arrival here from Stashiv, Poland in 1927, he became involved in every positive facet of Jewish life in Toronto — Canadian Jewish Congress, landsmanshaften, Yiddish Culture Society and Welfare, Jewish Library, Israel Bonds, JNF etc.

But especially in the Labor Zionist Movement did Kalmen Berger find his outlet for activity and achievement — in all areas: Farband, Histadrut, Youth and Camps support, and particularly in education — first with the Folk shul and then in the Bialik Hebrew Day School which became a major commitment in the last 11 years of his life.

It can be truthfully stated that the status that the Bialik Hebrew Day School enjoys today in the area of Jewish education is in no small measure due to the unbelievable contribution of time, energy, love and devotion made by Kalmen Berger. From the first opening of its doors 14 years ago until his last active days, some part of

Kalmen Berger

every day of every week, Kalmen Berger gave to the school, which he cherished like a child of his own.

With the encouragement and love of his devoted, kind and intelligent wife Barbara, their home became an accepted stopover for many Jewish scholars, Zionist leaders and other distinguished personalities in Jewish life visiting Toronto.

This intimate association with Jewish affairs and a love of Jewish education and Israel in all its aspects was to remain with Barbara Berger after the loss of her late husband and today she is carrying on the wonderful work that Kalmen Berger started in every way she can, morally, spiritually and financially.

A charming person of keen perception with a deep appreciation of Jewish values, in harmony with that of her husband's, Barbara Berger welcomed in the new school year at Bialik Hebrew Day School with a very generous contribution to the school building fund, setting an enviable example for others in her position to emulate.

While giving generously to the school which was Kalmen Berger's favorite activity, Barbara Berger does not overlook the other interests which were so dear to both of them and so the Histadrut, Pioneer Women and Labor Zionist Alliance all benefit from her appreciation of the problems facing Israel today.

On the third yahrzeit of his death, and in recognition of the many services and contributions made by Kalmen Berger to the Labor Zionist Movement and Bialik Hebrew Day School, a plaque was recently affixed to the school building at 12 Viewmount Avenue.

Group fights for peace

By Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

For Joseph Beck, "peace in our time" is not merely a sentimental or meaningless slogan that most people equate with the disastrous appeasement policies practised by the Western powers on the eve of World War II.

Beck, a Rumanian-born Israeli who describes himself as a pacifist, views peace in the starkest and most pragmatic terms: either man survives or he perishes. Being concerned with the survival of mankind in this nuclear era, Beck has gone to great lengths to advance the theoretical idea of peaceful co-existence between the disparate peoples of the world.

Here in Toronto to promote the International Memorial and Peace Association, Beck explained in an interview that the purpose of his organization is to establish what in effect will be an interdenominational version of Yad Vashem, the bleak and stirring monument to Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

"The big question in our time is this: if we have tens of billions of dollars for atom and hydrogen bombs, and other mass destructive weapons, then surely we can spare small sums of money to build an institute dedicated to the purpose of avoiding the many dangers threatening man today with extinction," said Beck, IMPA's secretary-general.

IMPA, which is three years old and avowedly non-political in character and orientation, has been endorsed by leading personalities from Israel to France.

Teddy Kollek, mayor of Jerusalem; Simon Wiesenthal, Nazi hunter; and Daniel Mayer, former French cabinet minister, are among the noted figures who have lent their names to Beck's crusade for peace.

Although Beck represents IMPA on missions abroad, he created the fledgling organization in league with Prof. Aryeh Tartakower of the World Jewish Congress; Prof. Marion Muskat of Tel Aviv University; Rabbi Zvi Azaria, formerly chief rabbi of West Germany; and Dr. Douglas Young of the American Institute for Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem.

Charles Wittenberg, the Toronto representative, is a former member of the French resistance movement.

According to Beck, IMPA's most immediate objectives are two-fold: the building of an institute in Jerusalem, and an international architect's competition that will hopefully produce the best possible blueprint for the construction of the centre. IMPA also would like to issue a collection of coins to mark the 30th anniversary of Nazi Germany's defeat, and to print a series of volumes honoring the fallen from each of the Allied nations that participated in the war against Hitler's hordes.

Now living in Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv, Beck devotes as much time to IMPA as his employer, El Al, will allow him. He has good reason to be deeply interested in the attainment of peace.

As a potential victim of the Holocaust, Beck escape fascist Rumania on one of the last boats permitted to leave the country. His mother and sister joined him in Israel after the war. During the war itself, he served in the British army in North Africa and Italy.

He sees no contradiction between being a pacifist and a soldier. "If someone attacks you, you fight back. That's the rule in life," he said.

In the 34 years he has lived in Israel, Beck has witnessed Arab-Jewish strife and four major wars. Yet all this bloodshed has hardly dimmed his optimism. "I believe in peace and I am sure there will be peace," he remarked.

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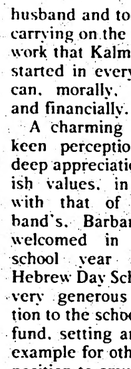
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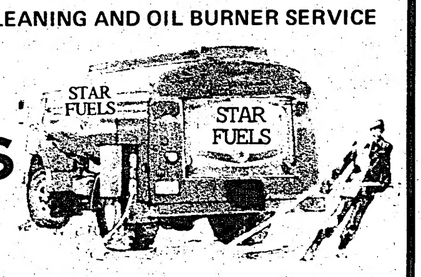

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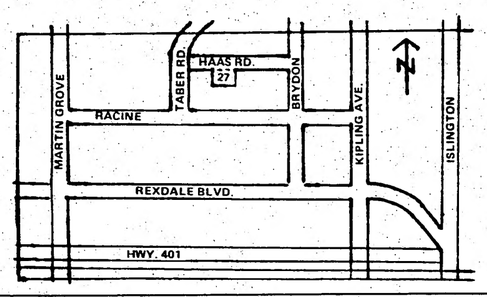

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Women's Division adopts new 'Operation Outreach'

"You might say it's a combination of the Women's Year slogan WHY NOT, plus the traditional call-to-action STAND UP AND BE COUNTED," is the way Mrs. Donald Lipman describes the 1975 Women's Division Israel Bond campaign, of which she is chairman. "Our primary concern is to bring to Toronto women the real meaning and importance of what Israel Bonds do for Israel in down-to-earth, practical terms. Experience has shown that once they understand this they will become Israel Bond buyers in their own right, over and above their family purchase," Toba Lipman declared. "In strictly human terms, these "plus" loan dollars represented by thousands of new women bond purchasers affect the lives of every Israeli family, because they help keep factories and workers on the job, provide foreign currency to buy imported raw materials, housing, irrigation for agriculture, and generally ease the burden on the hard-pressed Israeli economy which cannot for a moment cut down on defense requirements until a true Middle East peace is secured."

Mrs. Donald Lipman

This is the real meaning behind "Operation Outreach," and numerous Toronto Jewish women's organizations have given it their whole-hearted endorsement. Women will be "reached" through the individual chapter to which they belong, be it in Hadassah, Pioneer Women, B'nai B'rith, Mizrachi, or synagogue sisterhoods. Special bond programs will be presented at regular chapter meetings, to be followed up by individual canvass of each member by the bond committee. Parallel with this effort will be the emphasis on regular women bond supporters to "reach-up" for a higher level of purchase to keep pace with Israel's increased urgent needs on the economic front.

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO officially launched its 1975 bond campaign at an Orientation Meeting of chapter presidents and bond chairmen held on Sept. 3rd at the home of Mrs. Milton Shier, with Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg of Beth Tzedec Synagogue as guest speaker. In the forefront of the overall Toronto Hadassah efforts are President Mrs. Roz Mendelson, and Israel Bond chairmen Mrs. Arnold Finkler and Mrs. Harold Konopny.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIAL EVENTS

The fall season will be bright with special events for women in all areas of community activity, from young "first-time" bond supporters in the Young Business and Professional Division, to the top-level Diamond Trustee women purchasers of $10,000 and over. The Toronto Women's Division is a leader on the continent in this category, and a Diamond Trustee Investitute will be held in October at which time Mrs. Jan Peerce, International Women's Division Chairman, will make a flying-visit to Toronto to present the diamond pins created by noted Israeli artist Bezalel Schatz.

The date will be announced shortly for the fall Sponsor Luncheon for women in the $1,500 and up levels of bond purchase, with an outstanding personality from Israel as guest-speaker. Mrs. Allen Badner and Mrs. Marvin Kalifer are Sponsor Committee co-chairmen. Also planned are Golden Sponsor and Jerusalem Sponsor events, headed respectively by Mrs. Gerald Shefsky and Mrs. Jack Buchman.

Sunday, Oct. 5th, has been chosen as the date for the culminating function of Toronto Pioneer Women which will be held at the home of Mrs. Murray Cornblum.

DAZZLING ISRAEL FASHION FESTIVAL OCTOBER 21st

The world of high fashion, elsewhere considered frivolous and extravagant, is for Israel very much a part of the real, tough, economic world, providing thousands of jobs and precious foreign dollars. An eye-riveting new world of color, beauty, imagination and elegance will dramatically unfold at this year's All-Israel Fashion Festival, the most acclaimed collection ever to be shown in North America by Israel's foremost designers. Toronto bond supporters will have an opportunity to see the showing in an entirely new format — as an evening Cocktail Reception for men and women, to be held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 21st. In the setting of a Parisian salon, top fashion models will parade 60 award-winning haute couture and ready-to-wear designs, with narration by gifted young actor David Daniels, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Daniels, prominent Toronto community leaders. Admission to the Fashion Festival is by the purchase of $1,500 or more in Israel Bonds for 1975.

Two Jerry Melitz designs for the 1975 Israel Bond Fashion Show: (left) antique gold banlon dress with rhinestone and black velvet trim; (right) pale blue banlon with silver and pearl trim.

Sports celebrity—interfaith dinner will honor S.V. 'Sam' Shefsky

Political leaders, sports celebrities, business executives and community leaders will join forces on Sunday evening, Nov. 2nd to do honor to a beloved figure in Canada's sports world — S.V. "Sam" Shefsky. The "Sports Celebrity-Interfaith Testimonial Dinner" at which he will receive one of the State of Israel's most prestigious awards will be held in the Canadian Room of the Royal York Hotel. Julian Porter, well-known Toronto lawyer and president of the 1975 Canadian National Exhibition, will serve as dinner chairman. His associate chairmen are Douglas Bassett, Charles A. Cadieux and King Clancy.

Sam Shefsky's activities as a pioneer in Toronto baseball and football circles are legendary. While still a youngster, he had met Maple Leaf star "Hap" Day who had a tremendous influence on his life. They have continued their friendship on through the years and still today remain the closest of friends. Sam first gained prominence as Manager of the United Cleaners team in the Beaches Major Fastball League, and piloted this club to a Canadian Championship. In 1949, Sam managed the Tip Top Tailor team to a World Championship played in Little Rock, Arkansas. With the take-over of the Balmy Beach Football Club in 1950 by the Toronto Argonauts, he became President of the Beaches Club, and the first of his faith to serve on the Board of Directors of the Argonauts.

Grey Cup Leader

Recognition of his contribution to good sportsmanship in Canada is evidenced by the public honors which have come to him: Chairman of the 1968 Grey Cup Dinner and winner of the Grey Cup Plaque in 1970; elected to the Board of Directors of the C.N.E. and the Hockey Hall of Fame Selection Committee, and currently official representative of the Metro Toronto Board of Trade on the CNE Board of Directors. He serves as well as a Governor of "Participation House," the Markham hospital for Cerebral Palsy for which he helped raise a million dollars.

Much less well-known are Sam Shefsky's achievements as a "quiet ambassador for Israel and Jewish causes in the non-Jewish community," according to Rabbi Dr. David Monson of Beth Sholom Synagogue where Sam is a member. Although he was brought up in the East End Beaches area, quite a distance from the centre of Jewish life at that time, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Shefsky saw to it that he attended Hebrew School regularly, and had a traditional bar mitzvah at the Kielcer Synagogue, then located at Dundas and Huron, where the Shefsky family were active members. Throughout his successful business career in the industrial and commercial tire industry, Sam Shefsky has been a staunch supporter of Jewish community causes and particularly those efforts which are of direct benefit to the State of Israel and its upbuilding. Israel Bonds have always had a special appeal to him as an avenue of practical economic aid for Israel.

Non-Jews To Buy Bonds

He also feels very strongly that there is a great potential for support from the non-Jewish community. "I believe there exists a great deal of goodwill and friendship for Israel among non-Jewish Canadians, but they have not yet been made sufficiently aware of the fact that by investing in an Israel Bond they are actually extending a personal helping-hand to the courageous people and State of Israel."

"And," Sam adds, "there is growing awareness that Israel stands for the kind of democracy we believe in, here in Canada. It is important therefore, for all of us, Jews and non-Jews alike, to make sure that Israel remains a free and independent stronghold of democracy in that troubled part of the world."

Sam Shefsky, his nephew Gerald Shefsky, President of the Greater York Group and a long-time leader in the Toronto Bond campaign in the Institutional Purchases Division, along with a group of principal participants in the forthcoming interfaith dinner in his honor will be leaving for a whirlwind tour of Israel in mid-September. They will meet with top government leaders, see the latest development projects made possible by Israel Bond loan funds, and bring back a first-hand report to the many hundreds who will be taking part in the dinner and pre-dinner activities.

Many prominent figures in Canadian life have undertaken to head-up the various committees involved in organizing the Nov. 2nd Testimonial Dinner honoring their good friend Sam Shefsky. Tribute Committee Chairman Gerald Shefsky has Ernie Lieberman and Herbert Solway, Q.C. as his committee associate chairmen. Deputy Police Chief John Murray is chairman of the Table Host Committee, with Irving Ungerman, William Allen and L.C.B.O. Chairman James Mackey serving as Associate Chairmen. Mrs. George A. Cohon, wife of the National Chairman of Canada State of Israel Bonds heads the Arrangements Committee. Harry "Red" Foster is Hon. Chairman of the Publicity Committee, and Howard Tate, Assistant Gen. Manager in Charge of Publicity for the C.N.E. is chairman of the dinner publicity committee.

S. V. "Sam" Shefsky

Those serving on the Dinner Committee include: Mayor Willis Blair, East York Mayor; Charles Chambers, Fire Chief, City of Toronto; Dave Garrick, General Manager C.N.E.; Robert Hall, Q.C., Richard Horkin, Chairman, Toronto Hydro; Tony Pitt, Manager of Corporate and Consumer Affairs for Carling O'Keefe Breweries; Gordon Walker, Manager of C.N.E. Sports and Stadium.

Rabbi Kerzner honoree at Clanton Park dinner

Members of Clanton Park Synagogue will pay well-deserved honor to their distinguished Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner for his inspiring leadership which has brought this congregation to a pre-eminent position among all congregations in Toronto for its support of the Israel Bond Campaign. The dinner honoring Rabbi Kerzner will be held on Saturday evening, Nov. 8th, at Clanton Park Synagogue. Rabbi Sidney Shoham of Montreal, Chairman of the National Rabbinic Cabinet, State of Israel Bonds of Canada, will fly here to deliver the major address of the evening, in honor of his respected colleague. Dr. George Jacobovic will serve as Dinner Chairman. Dr. Norman Shaul, prominent member of the Toronto Executive Committee of the Bond campaign, is serving as Israel Bond Chairman for Clanton Park, and is closely involved in all aspects of the campaign and dinner at his congregation.

Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner

President of Beth Sholom, Norman Shapiro, to receive distinguished Bonds award

Norman Shapiro, president of Beth Sholom Synagogue, and a veteran leader on behalf of Israel Bonds, will be guest of honor of the congregation's Bond Award Dinner scheduled for mid-November. On this occasion the State of Israel will confer on this dedicated community leader one of its most distinguished awards. Beth Sholom has been a stronghold of support for the Israel Bond program since its inception in Canada in 1953, and under the leadership and inspiration of Rabbi Dr. David Monson pioneered the concept of holding High Holy Day Appeals for Israel Bonds. This program which has since been adopted by more than 1,000 congregations in the United States and Canada has resulted in the raising of hundreds of millions of dollars for Israel's vital economic development needs.

Norman Shapiro

An outstanding Beth Sholom special event for members and their families will take place at the synagogue on Tuesday evening, Sept. 9th, when famed New York raconteur Emil Cohen will headline "A Night in Israel" program. This will launch the Israel Bond campaign activities which will culminate in the Bond Award Dinner honoring Norman Shapiro in November. Sam Blank and Norman Grill serve as Co-Chairmen of Beth Sholom's Israel Bond Committee.

Holy Blossom tribute to Leon Weinstein

One of Toronto's most distinguished and most beloved community leaders, Leon Weinstein, will be honored by Holy Blossom Temple on Oct. 15, it was announced today by Mrs. Henrietta Chesnie, President of the Temple, and Rabbi Dr. W. Gunther Plaut. To be held in conjuction with the Temple's Israel Bond effort, the dinner will pay tribute to Weinstein for his many years of devoted and exemplary lead-ship in the Temple, for Israel, and for numerous communal causes. Weinstein was one of the founders of Toronto State of Israel Bonds, and its General Campaign Chairman in 1961. Under his leadership the Bond drive achieved its highest level of funds raised to that date.

As a former Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, he not only sparked the raising of large sums of money for local, national and Israel causes, but also succeeded in mobilizing and training many younger men who later became outstanding community leaders.

One of the most colorful personalities in Canada's business world, Leon Weinstein pioneered in the food business, founding and heading the Powers food chain, then later heading Loblaws, of which he became President. Currently he is President of CITY Television.

His communal interests, to which he brought innovation, creativity and hard work, had and have broad range: past President of B'nai B'rith Eastern Regional Council; Director of the New Mount Sinai Hospital; Baycrest; Executive Board Member of the National Council for Christians and Jews; active member of Rotary International; moving force in the Society for Crippled Children, are a few of the causes and institutions which have benefitted from Weinstein's involvement.

Leon Weinstein

In accepting the designation as award recipient, Weinstein said, "I am naturally deeply honored at having been chosen for this high recognition by Holy Blossom Temple and Israel Bonds. The all-important fact is that we have an obligation to the State of Israel and to our Jewish People, and we must none of us falter in this undertaking. History will judge us by the action we have taken at this critical time when the need for Jewish solidarity is paramount. I feel privileged to be able to play a part with my fellow-congregants of Holy Blossom Temple on Israel's behalf, through the avenue of the Israel Bond effort."

Details of the dinner will be announced in the near future.

Prime Minister's Club growing at rapid pace

Now in its third year, the Toronto chapter of the world-wide Israel Prime Minister's Club has already enrolled 68 men and women as members for the current year, with the peak months of club activity still to come. Target for 1975 is a minimum of 100 members. As purchasers annually of a minimum of $25,000 in State of Israel Bonds this special group are pace-setters in the campaigns to provide sustenance for Israel's heavily-burdened economy. Members receive gold pins and parchment membership scrolls, and receive special briefing from top Israeli officials visiting on this continent.

A recent such briefing was provided by Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem, one of the outstanding leaders of Israel's political, cultural and economic development, who was guest of honor at a Prime Minister's Club reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Green, co-hosted by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Daniels. Mr. Green is president of the Toronto chapter and Mrs. Daniels heads the Toronto women's chapter.

Shown here, left to right: Herb Green, General Campaign Chairman; Mayor Teddy Kollek, Mrs. Norine Daniels and Al Green.

Head-table participants at the Stashiver Society Israel Bond luncheon held recently are, left to right: Sholom Hershkop, past president; Joe Morgan, M. Mlotek, president of the Hilfs Verein; Joe Rosen, president; Jack Israeli, immediate past general chairman, Toronto State of Israel Bonds who was guest speaker; Joseph Bloom, Mrs. Gerite Kates, Mrs. Freida Freedman, Nathan Freedman and Mrs. Joseph Bloom.

Investment in Israel is in our common interest

More and more, Canada is finding Israel to be an excellent trading partner and a growing market for Canadian raw materials, manufactured goods, and large quantities of grain. In fact, in the four-year period 1970-74 alone, total trade between the two countries has risen a whopping one-hundred percent, **plus!** In dollars, the total 2-way trade figure has reached 241.8 million dollars — with Canada selling to Israel about **double** the amount Canadians import from Israel. Even though Israel's exports to Canada have increased sharply — a substantial 31.1% during 1974 amounting to $27.8 million — it looks as though the trade gap in favour of Canada will continue. The leading items Israel exports are still polished diamonds followed by textiles and fashions of fabric, leather, fur, food products, alcoholic beverages, metal products, machinery, and electronic equipment.

Israel's purchases in Canada increased 41.9% between 1973 and 1974. The major products are agricultural and food-stuffs, metal, electrical equipment, minerals and chemicals. Just recently, one of Canada's largest firms, Babcock-Wilcox, has supplied the Israel Electric Corporation with power plant boilers worth $70 million. This will spur the rapid growth and development programs of the country aimed at moving the Israeli economy forward.

Much of the exceptional economic advances Israel has made under very difficult conditions are the result of investment resources provided through the sale of Israel Bonds which have amounted to approximately $3 billion since 1951, the year in which the Bond program was inaugurated. Since that time, Israel Bond funds have helped to strengthen every facet of Israel's economic framework, including agriculture, commerce, industry and trade. Israel Bonds have also helped to finance the creation of jobs for new immigrants from the Soviet Union and other countries.

Like any sound capital investment, Bond dollars create new wealth — which make it easy for the borrower (Israel) to pay the interest and repay the principal. One of the great strengths and advantages of the Bond program is that Bond-funded projects continue to earn currency for Israel long after the Bond loan has been repaid.

It should also be noted that a large proportion of the funds provided through Israel Bonds remains in the United States and Canada paying for the purchase of machinery and equipment which Israel needs. There is a strong feeling among the business communities of both the U.S. and Canada that extending financial support to Israel is in the best interests of all concerned. This has become increasingly evident in recent years, during which time a considerable number of the top industrial corporations in both countries have established new manufacturing and distribution operations in Israel.

On July 21st, Israel and Canada signed an historic agreement which will allow investors in one country who establish business in another country to repatriate their earnings without having to pay taxes on them a second time. This agreement will encourage Canadian businessmen to invest in Israel, widening the economic scope of business between Israel and Canada, and increasing opportunities for trade and co-operation between the two countries.

YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED

"The enthusiasm, vigor and imagination with which our newest division has launched its first full-fledged campaign has been an inspiration to everyone involved in this year's Toronto bond drive," declared General Chairman Herb Green. The division referred to is the newly-inaugurated "Young Business and Professional Division" made up of young men and women concerned about and committed to Israel's struggle to keep her economy alive and well, without which very survival hands in the balance.

Barry Lebow and Mrs. Edie Glazer were named co-chairmen of the division this spring when the '75 drive got underway, and soon thereafter the community campaign calendar blossomed with meetings and events geared to the interests and activities of their group.

A highlight of the early fall program of events is the "Make Waves for Israel" cruise taking place on Sept. 16th aboard the S.S. Mariposa Belle — a gala evening of cruising, dancing, and cocktails, open to purchasers of an Israel Bond for 1975.

A special 10-day V.I.P. tour to Israel sponsored by the Young Business and Professional division will take place on Oct. 20th, and reservations are already being received in encouraging numbers.

LAWYERS SPUR BOND EFFORTS

Fresh from the impact of what they saw and experienced on the first Israel Bond Lawyers' Division Study Mission to Israel in August, members of the Toronto legal fraternity are spearheading their most aggressive campaign yet, to help alleviate the acute economic conditions in Israel with massive investment loans.

"Armed with a clearer insight of what the people of Israel are facing day-by-day in hardships and sacrifice to meet the double burden of defense and essential economic development, and realizing from personal observation how vitally important our bond loan dollars are in every aspect of life in the country, many of the young lawyers on the mission are proving to be a new dynamic force in our campaign planning," declared I.B. "Gus" Weinstein, Lawyers' Division chairman.

On Sept. 10th, members of the division's executive committee will hold a special meeting at Mr. Weinstein's home to finalize campaign plans and to hear a first-hand report of the Study Mission by Mr. Justice A.H. Lieff who headed the mission, and by several of the participants.

Landsmanshaften rally

Convinced beyond any doubt that every Jewish family has a stake in Israel's future, members of Toronto Landsmanshaften societies and organizations have demonstrated their loyalty to Israel by continued solid support for their annual Israel Bond campaigns. Not content merely to sponsor a specific bond event for their organization, they do an intensive follow-up of their entire membership so that it is more the rule than the exception for landsmanshaften to have 100% bond participation within their ranks.

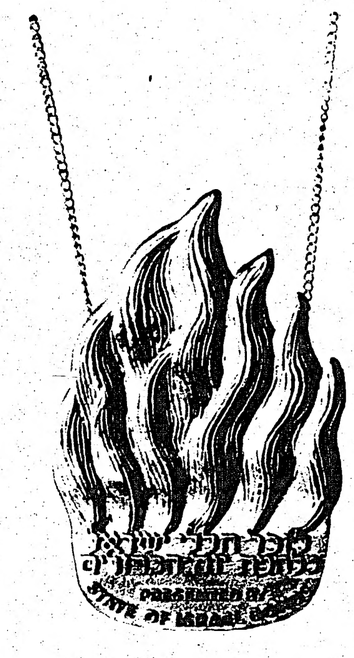
Leading societies which have already held successful Israel Bond functions in the 1975 campaign are the Stashiver, Wierzbnicker, and Chenstochover. Among those planning events to take place in the early Fall are the Keltzer, Zaglembier, and Warshaver-Lodzer, who will honor their president Daniel Geist at a dinner dance at Beth Radom Synagogue on October 12th.

Synagogues to receive Torah Shield awards

A Torah Shield, created by the renowned sculptor of Jewish ceremonial art, Ludwig Yehuda Wolpert, will be awarded to synagogues in the United States and Canada for outstanding participation in the special Israel Bond effort during the coming High Holy Days.

The award, symbolizing Israel's freedom as an eternal flame and commemorating the martyred defenders of Israel, bears as an inscription which reads: "L'ZECHER CHALLEI ISRAEL MILCHEMET YOM HAKIPURIM" (In Memory of the Fallen Israelis in the Yom Kippur War).

A record number of more than 1,000 synagogues on the North American continent have scheduled Israel Bonds in connection with Kol Nidre or Yizkor observances on Yom Kippur. To provide economic support for the people of Israel who are making every sacrifice and bearing an overwhelming burden to assure Israel's survival and independence, each congregation will seek to enroll its members as **Shomrei Israel** *through the purchase of $1,000 or more in Israel Bonds.*



Community effort concentrated on High Holy Day Bond appeals

'Not only prayers, but action for Israel'

Synagogue members in all 46 Toronto congregations will once again demonstrate their concern for Israel's future by direct and positive participation in the High Holy Day Appeals for Israel Bonds at Kol Nidre or Yizkor observances in houses of worship throughout our community — Orthodox, Conservative and Reform. The traditional High Holy Day program for Israel Bonds will be greatly heightened this year however, in the face of the grave economic situation confronting the people and State of Israel today. "The present crisis is a challenge too immediate, too great and too personal for any Jew to overlook or underestimate," declared Herb Green, General Campaign Chairman. "Our prayers for the new year must be accompanied and re-inforced by the kind of action that will do honor to those who

Herb Green

sacrificed their lives in the Yom Kippur War and will reaffirm our solidarity and unity with our brothers and sisters in Israel."

Synagogue Co-Chairmen Alex Eisen, Nathan O. Hurwich and Dr. Norman W. Shaul stressed the great importance being placed on the results of this year's High Holy Day efforts. "In 1975, the synagogue program is more urgent than ever before," they asserted. "Our goal in the city of Toronto is the enrollment of every member family in every participating congregation as a Shomrei Israel — Guardians of Israel — family by turning down the $1,000 or more tabs on the special bond appeal tab-cards provided worshippers at the Yom Kippur services."

Nearly $9 million already raised.

The High Holy Day effort heralds the most intensive phase of the Toronto Israel Bond campaign. With more than $9 million raised to date since April 1st when the 1975 drive was launched, this community has maintained its lead over all other major cities on the continent with respect to both pledges and cash for Israel Bonds sold.

"When so many of Israel's problems are traceable to the economic situation, our attention and our efforts must be concentrated as never before on ways to improve Israel's economy and set it on a firm basis," Herb Green stated, in urging all community organizations within the bond structure to schedule the fullest possible program of activities in the coming months, to raise bond dollars for Israel.

Why are Israel's economic problems so serious?

The major reason is that the deficit in Israel's balance of payments has more than tripled in the past three years to a new record $3.5-billion for 1974.

Defense expenditures have risen sharply from $1.5 billion in 1972 to more than $3.5 billion in 1975. Thirty percent of Israel's GNP goes for defense as against 8 percent in the U.S.

The escalation of the Arab boycott has made it more evident than ever that the struggle for peace is being fought to a large degree in the economic arena. This makes Israel Bonds a most vital weapon for Israel's survival.

An historic development in Israel's economic future is the recent trade agreement Israel signed several months ago with the European Common Market. While bringing down the tariff barriers between Israel and the member countries of the Common Market by 1977, it simultaneously increases the need for Israel to expand its industrial development and productivity to make its products more competitive in the open European market.

Israel Bond funds are needed therefore to help finance industrial expansion, to increase exports, and to reduce the gap in Israel's balance of payments.

Conference highlights Herzog

Toronto Israel Bond campaign leaders were active participants in the International Leadership Conference of the Israel Bond Organization held in Chicago Aug. 22-24. More than 600 Jewish leaders from the United States and Canada took part in the conference deliberations to plan ways and means of intensifying community activities to raise additional millions of dollars in Israel Bonds during the coming fall campaign period — traditionally the most productive across the continent.

A highlight of the conference was the Dinner of Welcome for Ambassador Chaim Herzog, Israel's newly-appointed Permanent Representative to the United Nations. A former Major-General of the Israel Defense Forces, Ambassador Herzog served as Israel's ambassador in Ottawa. Ambassador Chaim Herzog was in Toronto just two years ago, to address the Israel Bond Chanukah Festival audience at O'Keefe Centre, and to thank this community for its exemplary support for Israel during the Yom Kippur War.

Ambassador Chaim Herzog, newly-appointed Ambassador of Israel to the United Nations, seen here with George A. Cohon (left), National Chairman, State of Israel Bonds of Canada, and Mrs. Cohon. The Cohons were part of the Toronto delegation to the International Leadership Conference held in Chicago.

Ambassador Herzog issued a ringing call for sustained and accelerated support from Jewry in the United States and Canada to strengthen the foundations of Israel's economy "as a vital and indispensable part of our security, of our capacity to protect ourselves and preserve our independence... These are days when confidence in a good future is not easily come by even in great and well-established nations. But we Jews, strange people that we are, are always future-directed. Perhaps we have never needed to accept the challenge of the future as much as now, and never needed so much to believe that we shall come decently out of the dark tunnel of negotiations and threats. The State and people of Israel accept the challenge. I know you in Israel Bonds who have done so much for Israel in the past twenty-five years, will do so even more fully now."

Ambassador Herzog:

"Never has the Israel Bond Organization been so vitally a part of Israel's or the Jewish people's struggle as it is today. The Jewish people can strike back at those who have launched an attack on them — they can strike back through their involvement in the Israel Bond drive. This is the Jewish people's reply to their attackers."

B'nai B'rith rallies to meet Israel's needs

Toronto B'nai B'rith is taking its lead directly from the International Council in its approach to a sharply stepped-up 1975 campaign for Israel Bonds. In a recent letter to key leaders, International President David M. Blumberg called on every B'nai B'rith lodge to undertake plans for an Israel Bond function without delay in order to mobilize maximum possible dollars to sustain Israel's economy.

"While the media focus on the diplomatic front, Israel is facing a crisis on the economic front just as serious for its security and survival," wrote Mr. Blumberg in urging all-out support for the B'nai B'rith Israel Bond program in all lodges.

Appropriate action was not long in following, as lodge after lodge in Toronto announced the part it will play in this year's stepped-up bond drive. With Upper Canada Lodge as host, no less than twelve lodges are joining forces in one gala "Night in Israel" program to take place in November.

Mel Lastman

The twelve participating lodges are: Aaron Hart, Armour Heights, Bathurst Heights, Canada, Circle, Commonwealth, Don Mills, La Fraternite, Primal, Sterling, Toronto Freedom, and Thornhill.

Yorkdale Lodge has traditionally been in the front line whenever action for Israel is needed, and this year promises to set an all-time record for this devoted group of men. With Nathan Godfrey as their Israel Bond Award

Shown here at the opening Tribute Committee Dinner, left to right: honoree Nathan Godfrey, Chaim Neuberger, Co-Bondchairman; Jack Weinberger, Bondchairman; Dr. Arieh Plotkin, guest-speaker; Harry Frank, National Vice-Pres. State of Israel Bonds of Canada; Charles Goldlust, Co-Bondchairman; Sam Daniels, President.

receipient for 1975, the Yorkdale Lodge Dinner has been scheduled for Saturday evening, Nov. 8th, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. A pre-canvass of members plus commitments received at the Tribute Committee meeting on July 30th, has resulted in a total of nearly half-a-million dollars in bonds purchased by Yorkdale Lodge members to date for 1975. Target for this year is $1 million.

Harry J. Pachter and Hy Lampert, co-chairmen of the B'nai B'rith Cabinet, Toronto Regional Council, report a record number of events for bonds on this year's campaign calendar. In addition to those mentioned above are the following:

Manor Metropolitan Lodge Sept. 17
Eglinton Lodge Sept. 23
Wilson Heights Lodge honoring North York Mayor Mel Lastman Oct. 4
Toronto Lodge Oct. 13
North York Lodge Oct. 18
Leonard Mayzel Ontario Lodge Nov. 9

Canyon, Forestdale Heights, and Empire Lodges will be announcing the dates and formats of their bond events shortly, as well a number of other lodges.

A New Year Message
by SAM ROTHBERG
General Chairman, Israel Bond Organization

Every New Year we weigh Jewish destiny on the scales of history and each time our position in Canada and the United States proves of decisive importance for Israel and for the Jewish people in the rest of the world.

The outgoing year opened the wounds of the period of mass destruction with the observance of the 30th anniversary of the end of World War II and the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps. *Who but the Prime Minister of Israel himself, standing at the site of the Bergen–Belsen death camp only weeks ago, could symbolize in such a dramatic fashion the terrible losses of that tragic period or the historic sweep of the subsequent return to a free and independent Israel?*

But where do we go from here? Two Yom Kippurs ago Israel's enemies launched a murderous war to annihilate Israel. To the ever growing military threat, the Arabs have since then refined and improved the weapons of economic warfare against Israel, including both non-Jewish and Jewish individuals and organizations who support or do business with Israel. Periodic outbursts of terror, from Maalot to Zion Square in Jerusalem, have claimed the lives of innocent women and children.

Ever since Yom Kippur 5734, the economic burdens of the people of Israel have grown so heavy as to constitute a very serious threat to the country's capacity to maintain its economic stability and economic growth. The inescapable need for defense spending at a higher rate than ever before would have greatly weakened Israel, were it not for the very substantial economic aid supplied by the Israel Bond campaign.

In the year ahead Israel Bonds must play an even greater role to demonstrate, not only to the people of Israel but to the Canadian and American people as well, the will and determination of Jewry to give Israel the economic strength she needs to negotiate a peace settlement that will preserve her security and her freedom.

Against a background of continued external political crisis, the Israel Bond Organization provides a unique avenue of affirmative, concrete action during this High Holiday period for all Jews committed to stand up and be counted for a strong and free Israel. Neither our vigilance nor readiness to help in a material way can be relaxed in the crucial year ahead. Too much depends on what we do.

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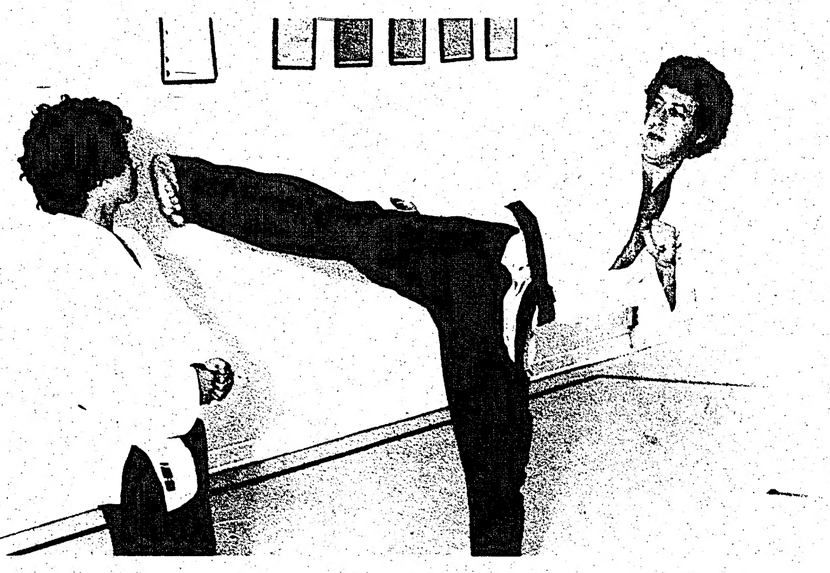
Karate instructor wants his fellow Jews ready for any emergency

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Monty Guest represents a rare breed — the Jewish karate instructor. The traditional stereotype of the Jew as passive, weak and defenseless in the face of attack, is a myth he is trying to crush.

"I am a Jew and I am not ashamed of it," says Guest quite matter-of-factly. And if need be this trim, solidly-built man in his mid-30s will defend that statement of honor, and encourages others to be similarly prepared. His own children, ages 6 and 7, are karate students.

Guest's commitment is reflected in his inconspicuous contribution to the Jewish community. He is a member of Shomrim, a low-key group which has, for the past five years, provided security coverage at large functions in the community.



Instructor Monty Guest shows off some of the fine points of karate to student Michael Hirchberg. Guest is a member of a volunteer security organization, Shomrim, which assists at many Jewish functions. (El-Baz)

Co-operating with Metro police and the RCMP, Guest and some 25 other volunteers, have been present behind the scenes during the visits of dignitaries Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin, Moshe Dayan, Abba Eban and during city hall rallies, Negev dinners and protests for Soviet Jewry. Almost every major organization in the Jewish community has called on Shomrim's services.

Some of the members of the security group have had army training. Many are students from Guest's Kai-Shin karate studio, including a few non-Jews from the Italian and Black communities.

Shomrim (from the Hebrew, meaning watchguards) is not a vigilante group in the tradition of the Jewish Defence League, nor does it advocate their confrontation and disruption tactics. At a protest rally during the visit of Kosygin to Toronto, the security group actually was forced to intervene when JDL members, were inciting the crowd to riot.

Although the security group is not publicity-hungry, Guest is disappointed with the reception Shomrim has received from Jewish leaders in the community. No one has offered funds to cover the group's nominal expenses and most are pleased, he said, to have the group remain well in the background, their services unrecognized and unrewarded.

Although prompted to quit on several occasions, Guest, who has been teaching karate for 15 years, will remain with Shomrim. It may be, he said, that just as the watchdog leaves the post, a major altercation could erupt.

With racial tensions mounting in the community, fuelled by recent economic pressures, such an outburst is not inconceivable, he said. The real threat comes from resurgent, well-publicized anti-Semitic groups, now strongly financed and well trained.

"These people are not sitting there talking," said Guest, gesturing with the karate artist's calloused hands. "They are getting prepared for bigger and better things...and I'm not looking forward to what's going to happen. A small problem grows like a boil."

Some members of the Jewish community are aware of the increasing ethnic tension, he said, "but a lot of people are living in a dream world. Most people are apathetic...it's a frightening thing."

Many of his younger Jewish students, though, have seen the need to stand on their own two feet in the event of confrontation, he said. Some may have experienced verbal abuses or the hostility of anti-Semitism; they want to become a little more self-sufficient.

Faced with a possible fracas, the Jewish youth should "turn his cheek a little bit," he said. But if a person is forced to fight, he or she should have the physical training and psychological preparedness to defend themselves.

"Karate training is a good deal mental attitude," Guest explained. "I teach my students that there are 10 ways to solve a dispute and fighting is only number 10. Actually, the type of person who takes karate is on the passive side." Karate training, in his view, channels aggression rather than promotes it.

Guest, a soft-spoken man who keeps to a strict diet, enjoys the personal contact with his students, whose ages range from four to 60. After several careers as construction worker, office employee, film-editor, chauffeur, to name a few, he will stay put with karate.

But he is reluctant to mention his profession at cocktail parties. The public doesn't know much about karate, he said, and people will politely grill you for hours: how many opponents did you defend yourself against last night, can I look at your hands, how many brick walls can you break through...

Calibre of pioneers help in development of Israel

The State of Israel was fortunate in the type of people who came to it as its earliest pioneers. Brains came to the assistance of brawn, as they sought out and began to apply all the available scientific knowledge on modern farming. And Israel Bonds came to the assistance of both brawn and brains by financing the purchase of modern agricultural machinery and equipment which has enabled Israel to produce more than 75% of its own requirements, increase the country's agricultural yield more than tenfold since 1950, and export the surplus of many farm products.

To a great extent, the explanation for Israel's phenomenal accomplishments in agriculture and industry can be found in the accelerating "scientification" in both areas, and to the research and development effort being financed with the aid of Israel Bond resources.

Israel's Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz stressed the importance of science-oriented industries for Israel's future in a recent statement:

"The major thrust of industrial development in Israel is directed to the chemical, petro-chemical, and science-based industries. These industries take advantage of the country's high level of technology. More important, they provide suitable job opportunities for the many qualified and experienced professional men and women who have immigrated here from the West and from the Soviet Union, and for those we expect to come in the future. The relationship between Israel Bonds and the problem of immigrant employment is clear, if we consider that it takes an investment of $20,000 to create a job to support an immigrant family."

The rapid development of science-based enterprises began in earnest in 1967. Up to that year, only thirty such firms were in operation in Israel. There are now almost three times that number, and others are continuing to be established. Almost half of the total number of science-based firms operate primarily in the field of electronics, more than twenty in chemicals, and the remainder are in computer software and systems analysis and in other fields such as scientific and bio-medical instruments, teaching aids, and the like.

Israel's modern telecommunications system has also been spurred by the allocations of Israel Bond development funds. The latest link in the country's international telecommunications, the new earth satellite station in the valley of Elah, was built largely with Israel Bond money at a cost of $10 million.

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These are a few of the 50 Canadian teachers who took in some of the summer courses at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan. From left are Ralph Millman of Montreal, Molly Gerstein of Cote St. Luc, Evelyn Burns of Toronto and Wanda Tolbloom and Ethel Drinman of Winnipeg. Courses were in English and Hebrew.

50 Canadian teachers attend Bar-Ilan course

TORONTO — Fifty teachers from Canada recently attended the six-week summer session at Bar-Ilan University, Israel, which is officially accredited in the United States and Canada. Courses in Hebrew and English were offered in the program, which included a week of touring.

Evelyn Burns, Elementary Department Co-ordinator at United Synagogue Day School, who participated in the summer program, said: "This summer offered me growth in many areas. For intellectual stimulation, we had lecturers who were first class and held us spellbound.

"On a cultural level, we were able to meet active participants in Israeli society, professors, a drama critic, and a film writer. On a religious level, what can compare with a shabbat weekend at Bar-Ilan where quiet rest and Bible study join to give one a most tranquil feeling."

Mrs. Burns, who works with Israeli teachers, felt it was important to have first-hand knowledge of the Israeli culture in order to have better understanding of the staff. "Everyone associated with the group at the university did their best to make our stay as satisfying as possible," continued Mrs. Burns. "I am thrilled that I chose to spend the summer at Bar-Ilan, and I hope that more teachers will avail themselves of the opportunity in the future."

The group, composed of educators from Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, and Sydney, N.S., included two non-Jewish teachers — Mrs. Wanda Tolbook, English teacher at Winnipeg Hebrew Day School and Mrs. Ethel Drinnan, former assistant principal at the Calgary Hebrew Day School and now teaching English in Winnipeg. "As Christian teachers of non-Jewish subjects in a Jewish Day school," they noted, "we've been learning about Judaism from our own students. Now, when we return from Israel, we hope to surprise them with our own new-found knowledge."

Other educators from Toronto were Mr. And Mrs. Emanuel Goldberg Bella Baruch, Shulamith Bar, M. Bell, Edward Deutch, Victoria Ferraris, Ruth Portnoy, Miriam and Chaim Samuk, Shifra and Judy and Herman Schwartz, Hana Werner, Zimmerman.

Lawyers obtain fresh insights on Bonds study mission to Israel

By ELIZABETH WOLFE

TORONTO — The Israel Supreme Court in session, a tank repair depot, Ma'alot, new development towns — these were among the highlights of the first Israel Bonds Lawyers' Division study mission to Israel.

An attempt to gain new understanding of conditions in Israel, and to see developments pertinent to the investment of bond dollars, the two-week tour in August was attended by approximately 25 Canadian lawyers (primarily Torontonians) and their wives.

The impetus for the tour came from I.B. (Gus) Weinstein, Lawyers' Division chairman. The division wanted to sponsor greater interest among lawyers not previously involved with bonds.

The greatest catalyst for involvement, it was felt, was to send them to Israel, according to Barry Lipson, associate chairman of the Lawyers' Division. The trip was arranged to coincide with the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists' International Summer Seminar on Comparative Law, held in Jerusalem Aug. 11-14.

"There is very great value in getting a young group of people such as the lawyers' mission to see Israel for themselves and experience the miraculous strength of the people and their commitment to Israel's survival," said Mr. Justice Abraham Lieff, who led the tour. He's a Supreme Court of Ontario judge.

Among the most moving experiences of the mission was the visit to Ma'alot, where that town's tragedy was graphically described by the senior nurse of the hospital there. Justice Lieff said, "The feeling you get is that the people of Ma'alot are not leaving their town. They are standing firm and getting their strength from their love of the country."

As guests of the Israel defence forces, the group was given an intimate glance of the program of reconditioning tanks; a massive effort by bright young men using much skill and imagination, according to Justice Lieff. "This type of exercise gave us an understanding as to why they were able to stand off the 1973 assault by many more troops and tanks," he added.

Meeting with mayors Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and Joseph Almogi of Haifa, Minister Without Portfolio Gideon Hausner, Justice Minister Haim Zadok, President of the Supreme Court Shimon Agranat, and other high-ranking political and legal personages, the group got an in-depth picture of some of the problems confronting Israel, and more insight than one normally gets, several members of the tour concurred.

Martin Applebaum, one of the lawyers who was visiting Israel for the first time, was impressed by the country's beauty, the historical sites, and the candor of the people he met. "They were more concerned about the interest and emotional involvement of Diaspora Jewry than their financial support," he said.

Applebaum was equally impressed by the people he met at border areas, who expressed pragmatic reactions to their situation, rather than the lofty ideals he expected.

Harvey Spiegel, who had been in Israel before the Yom Kippur War, was deeply moved by the immediate effects of war on the people whose sons, brothers, or fathers had been killed or maimed. The visibility and extent of personal suffering is something new, since 1973, he said.

"It brings home the effect of what a country involved in war really means... Conference has been a little shaken, but not as much as expected — the people are confident," he stated.

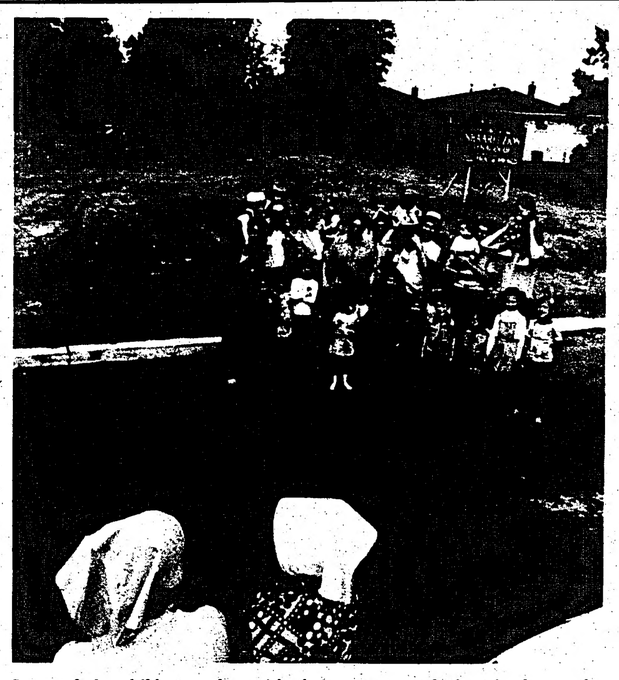
Alvin Rosenberg, who had also been to Israel before, was impressed by the fact that "the country is carrying on so normally" while so much time and effort is involved in maintaining security.

"The people of Israel tell us we can depend on them to safeguard a strong Israel that will live," Justice Lieff said. "They also depend upon us to stand firm with them — we are the only real ally they can depend on without reservation."

The mission served to strengthen the Jewish identity of these young lawyers, Justice Leiff added. "They understand the need for support of Israel's economy is the very foundation of Israel's strength to grow and develop in freedom as a modern democratic state."

Applebaum felt he was coming home to something "although not the way it was taught since the first day of cheder." Aware and critical of the imperfections in Israel, he nonetheless feels an emotional involvement, a personal relationship, and a desire to go back.

Many lawyers indicated they were coming back with a commitment to Israel because of what they had seen, and would make every effort to further interest here, Spiegel said. Expressing his own feelings about the Israelis, he commented: "They may not be ideal, but they're ours, and they're at war. We have an obligation to support them."



Some of the children gather with their parents to look at land recently acquired by Shaarei Zion Orthodox Congregation in northeast Metro Toronto. For the first time, the congregation will be able to hold high holiday services on the site of the proposed synagogue. (Gadi Hoz photo)

Showing of top Israeli fashion held for first time in Hamilton as highlight of Bond campaign

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — The premiere Canadian showing of Israeli fashions takes place in Hamilton on Thursday, Sept. 18, when the women's division of State of Israel Bonds presents Focus on Fashion, Israel '75.

It will be the first time that a major showing of top Israeli fashions is held here and the women's division, under chairman Anne Teitelman and show co-ordinator Honey Walman, has gone all out to make it the highlight of the current Bond campaign.

"We did such a super job with the Leah Rabin luncheon that the bond office let Hamilton have the show," says Mrs. Teitelman, who has just returned from the recent Bond conference in Chicago.

The show will include ready-to-wear collections by Beged Or, Gottex, Jerry Melitz, Gideon Oberson and Rikma (Rojy Ben Yosef); haute couture by Ruth Alon, Lola Beer, Finy Leitersdorf, Rivka Shafir, Pnina Shallon and Maskit, and furs by Stefan Braun.

Sylvia Miller Boutique of Hamilton will stage the show, using top professional models, as well as provide accessories. Commentary will be by Molly Beube, decor by interior decorator Harvey Sobel and Plant Place will provide plantscapes. "We've had most excellent co-operation from local people," reports a very pleased Mrs. Walman.

There will be something for the men, too, with Israeli men's fashions being shown by H.T. Ross, Limited, who will use local talent in their presentation.

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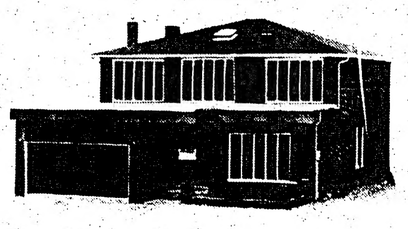

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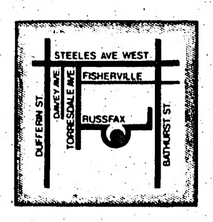

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Professional career, community work combined

Barbara Landau is committed psychologist, feminist

By ELLIE TESHER

TORONTO — Any man would be a fool not to appreciate a liberated woman as a marriage partner. Especially if she plans to share equally in the family expenses. The way Dr. Barbara Landau, psychologist, feminist, director of the Adolescent Unit at Queen Street Mental Health Centre tells it, her 11-year-old marriage was contracted to meet the equal needs of both parties, and her husband, Sy, was a willing cohort.

Women's lib finds its healthiest expression in the feminine 31-year-old feminist, who states emphatically that her income has never been "pin money" but part of the real property of her marriage. Since she is earning at the top level of her government position, her contribution to the household pot is considerable. Sy's foresight, however, dates back to his courting days, as his best gal still had two degrees to go after marriage before she could enter the work force.

Perky and petite, Barb Landau evokes the attractive image of a bubbling cheerleader; yet the moment she speaks — informed, clear-cut, and jargon-free-one realizes her outstanding ability.

She is the first woman, and the youngest person to direct the QSMHC treatment unit that handles 20-25 of the most severely disturbed adolescents in the city. She laughingly confides that as the first non-medical person to become chief of service she had to be classified as a psychiatrist in order to fit into the existing hierarchy.

Questioned why an enthusiastic, forward-looking psychologist trained in the problems of exceptional children (programs are usually related to the school) would seek the responsibility of former treatment failures, she responded, "I'm a child advocate.

"I like the opportunity to create and be flexible with these kids. Many have fallen through the slats of other programs."

Dr. Landau designs and directs her program to plan a treatment path for each case, avoiding working only on a crisis basis, though this is at times necessary. Her unit is part of a new model of service delivery program in a four-phase system. Within the plan the city is divided into four regions, each offering a different type of treatment, all co-ordinated but serving as options for the much-reviewed cases. The hospital at Queen Street offers day-care and in-patient programs; the other facilities are an assessment and follow-up agency, a farm, and an urban group home.

A graduate of the Universities of Toronto and Michigan, and York University's first graduate program, — Dr. Landau admits her present work is "very draining" — the hospital is a back-up unit for the other facilities. In the year that she has headed the program, about one-third of cases are coping in society with minor follow-up, one-third need more time and facilities, and one-third are headed for chronic care.

A professional throughout, Dr. Landau devotes a considerable amount of her time outside of her job to community involvement. As an executive member of the Ontario Status of Women Council, she heads the committee on Social Service issues, concerned with areas such as equal pay for women, helping women on family benefits return to the work force, and sex role stereotyping in schools.

Her feminist interests have extended into the religious sphere, causing both her and Sy to reassess their identification and synagogue affiliation. She explained, "I didn't feel a part of the Conservative tradition with regard to women. I couldn't get interested in the sisterhood assisting role, and felt cheated by the limited synagogue involvement open to me."

With these frustrations behind them, Sy and Barb Landau have brought their intense sense of participation, their knowledge (he's a graduate engineer working as an executive in the insurance field) and their personal commitments to social action, to Temple Emmanuel, where both serve as board members.

Barb traces her unswerving career ambitious and community interests to her proud family tree. It's a delight to see the positive link between the generations in this family, as the daughter, Barb, points to the role models of a talented mother and community-minded father.

(Gadi Hoz photograph)

Dr. Barbara Landau

Cecile Fisher raised her first child with her desk and typewriter as constant backdrop props, as she produced original material for her daily radio show. Alex Fisher's involvement in the March of Dimes, YM&YWHA and UJA programs influenced his responsible young daughter to take on volunteer service projects since the age of 11. Contact at summer camp with people like Ontario NDP Leader Stephen Lewis and civil rights champion, lawyer Alan Borovoy, emphasized her growing awareness of human concerns.

How does a feminist rear her own children? How does she combine her professional career and community work with family living? By "thinking creativity," according to this positive mother of five-year-old Daryl and three-year-old Niki.

"We arranged the kids' schedules to meet our needs," she said. "That way I was able to be back at work part-time within a couple of weeks of their birth, even while nursing the baby." The Landaus do their parenting into later hours (10 p.m.) than some, but they feel that a child's daytime nap can easily make up for the time gained for family benefits.

The kids really get two parents, emphasized Dr. Landau. We think in terms of parenthood, a sharing of functions, rather than activities limited to the roles of mother or father, she said.

Campaign of protests changes Soviet policies

In the Soviet Jewry campaign one might argue: how effective is protest? Zeev Ben-Shlomo, the JCNS East Europe correspondent, cites the case of Silva Zalmanson, convicted and sentenced in the Leningrad hijack trial, and demonstrates that they have been effective and could be so in the future.

Silva Zalmanson

"We knew we were doomed, but we went ahead all the same" — this is how Silva Zalmanson summed up during her recent London visit what happened on June 15, 1970. She might have added: "And in so doing we changed the course of Jewish history in the Soviet Union."

"Doomed" — because they knew that the KGB (Soviet security police) had advance information about their moves and that their desperate action could not succeed.

Changed the course of Jewish history — because the failure of the Soviet authorities to produce the desired result by mass arrests and show trials was a decisive factor in their decision to allow a relatively large-scale Jewish emigration.

The official accusations of skyjacking or attempted skyjacking and treason laid against the Leningrad accused lacked any legal substance, even according to the Soviet law. The Soviet authorities had cancelled the flight from Leningrad to Murmansk. Thus, the accused were tried on fictitious charges, since just as a man cannot kill (or attempt to kill) an inanimate object, so one cannot hijack an aircraft on a flight which could not and did not take place.

Nine Jews and two non-Jews were sentenced in the first Leningrad trial in December 1970. Two of them, Eduard Kuznetsov and Mark Dymshits, were sentenced to death but the sentences were later commuted to 15 years imprisonment after worldwide protests.

In February 1971, the Soviet government recognized its failure to suppress the Jewish emigration movement by police methods and decided to allow a fairly substantial Jewish emigration.

From then on, the show trials were a demonstration of official inconsistency since the people tried were sentenced for what the government had itself legitimized — a desire to emigrate to Israel.

After Silva's brother, Wolf Zalmanson, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment by a military court, three further trials took place during 1971.

In May, in the second Leningrad trial, nine Jews were sentenced to imprisonment from periods of one to 10 years. In Riga, four Jews were sentenced from one to three years and in Kishinev 10 Jews were sentenced from one to five years.

All the accused in the Riga trial have now been released and are in Israel, so are most of those convicted in the Kishinev trial.

Last month, David Chernoglaz, the last defendant in the Kishinev trial, was released and so were two of the defendants in the second Leningrad trial — Lassal Kaminsky and Kev Yagman.

The most severe sentences averaging 10 years, were meted out in the first Leningrad trial and they account for the majority among the remaining prisoners: Eduard Kuznetsov and Mark Dymshits (15 years); Iosif Mendelevich (12 years); Anatoly Altman and Boris Penson (10 years); and Izia Zalmanson (eight years).

In addition, there are the victims of the later trials: Wolf Zalmanson (10 years); Hillel Butman (10 years); and Mikhail Kornblit (seven years).

The release of Silva Zalmanson, sentenced in the first Leningrad trial to 10 years imprisonment, has shown that well-argued Western protests can be effective. It is not inconceivable that further protests could bring about the release of those other individuals who were sentenced on precisely the same charges as Miss Zalmanson.

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Moshe Dayan greets old friend Joe King (second from left), public relations director of Allied Jewish Community Services in Montreal, on his arrival in that city. Left is Thomas Hecht, president, United Israel Appeal of Canada and on the other side of Dayan is Gordon Brown, UIA executive committee chairman. King will speak at G.O.I. Lodge Holocaust memorial on September 14.

Family of imprisoned Soviet Jew contacted by American in Odessa

Russian arrested four years after first application to emigrate

TORONTO — An American woman, Eileen Sussman, a recent visitor to Odessa, has contacted the family of Lev Roitburd, an imprisoned Soviet Jew who was arrested this July — four years after his first application to emigrate.

Roitburd's trial, originally scheduled for Aug. 15, has been postponed. Mrs. Sussman sent an account of her meeting with Roitburd's wife, Lilia Tenenboim:

"Lilia explained in detail the arrest of her husband who was to go to Moscow July 2 with her son, age 12. She took them to the airport. Papers were checked at the desk and OK'd. Ten minutes before plane time the militia checked everyone's papers again at the gate. All OK.

"Five men in civilian dress checked his papers again, and asked him to come with them. They identified themselves as KGB.

"Roitburd explained that there were but six minutes to plane time, and the men grabbed him by his hair and arms and took him to a room in a nearby building. His son and wife were allowed to follow, but first the KGB slapped the son and shoved the wife.

"After several hours, he was handed over to the militia, taken to prison and told he is charged with hitting a policeman. (Article 181, part 2)

"His wife was allowed to visit him and found that five kilograms of food can be sent once a month. He asked her to get word to the senators about his case. He also was asked to be a spy for the KGB."

The Women for Soviet Jewry, under the aegis of Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, who received Mrs. Sussman's account of Roitburd's arrest, have sent written requests to rabbis in Toronto and surrounding communities, calling for moral support and public protest on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

For the High Holidays, the WJC sent 2,500 cards — half in Russian script — to Prisoners of Conscience and their families expressing their support and good wishes.

Solomon is top tennis star

By GEORGE VASS

WASHINGTON — At five feet six inches and 126 pounds Harold Charles Solomon is the smallest of the world's top tennis players but he looms very large in skill.

He made quite a run recently in the $160,000 World Championship Tennis Red Group tournament at Houston, upsetting Stan Smith along the way. He has been a member of the U.S. Davis cup team since 1972 and at 22 is still a "comer" on the tennis trail.

"When I was a young kid I would often lie awake at night thinking about dying without anyone ever knowing I existed," Solomon once mused. "I think now maybe people would know I had lived."

It's debatable how much "immortality" is conferred by tennis skill, but there's little question Solomon figures to stir up at least fleeting fame for the next few years.

Tennis is America's boom sport of the mid-'70s and Solomon should be riding the crest as open play has made it a financial bonanza for the adept.

Solomon already ranks among the top Jewish tennis players produced in this country, and is one of the few of his religion ever to have become a member of the Davis Cup team.

Three years ago, after the horror of the Munich Olympics, Romanian police guarded Solomon during the Davis Cup matches at Bucharest. There was fear of a possible move by Arab terrorist against Solomon.

Solomon plays tennis almost as much cerebrally as physically. His arsenal includes groundstrokes, looped drives, and a variety of lobs that he groups together as "moonballs" and showers on opponents all day long.

One observer commented: "He will rally forever to set up an attacking shot, and more than one opponent has complained that Solly bored him to death even before his passing shots made the demise final."

The "moonball" was his big weapon when he defeated Spain's Juan Gisbert in the key match of the Davis Cup semifinals in 1972. The same tactic did in Mexico's Raul Ramirez in 1973 as the U.S. won the North American Zone finals.

"Solomon's a great player and very tough to beat," said Ramirez. "You have to play him from the court because he passes you if you go to the net."

Solomon relies on a two-handed backhanded but his approach to it is his own. He draws the racket back like a baseball player coiling into a backswing and smashes the ball across the net like a line drive.

His game has been advancing year by year. In 1972 he reached the quarterfinals of the French Open on his first attempt and in 1974 he was a semi-finalist, beating defending champion Ilie Nastase.

Not that 1974 started out well. He lost the critical match to Jairo Velasco in the U.S. Davis Cup loss to Colombia in Bogota. Things improved after that.

He recorded his first major victory in the $40,000 Washington Star-News International just a few miles from where he grew up in Silver Springs, Md. He ended Guillermo Villa's 15-match post-Wimbledon winning streak in the final.

Solomon in '74 was also runner-up to Rod Laver in the Volvo International and to Jimmy Connors in the Pacific Southwest Open.

Solomon comes by his tennis skills by design.

His father, Leonard, a Washington businessman, built a court in the backyard at the family house in Silver Springs, Md., and opened a second business in Florida so the family could play tennis year-round.

Harold has been playing since he was five years old. His father and mother, Roslyn, both play and younger brother Mark and sister Shelly are nationally ranked in their age categories.

The tennis courts have become Solomon's lecture hall. He dropped out of Rice University in Texas after his second year to turn pro.

His philosophy is direct: "Confidence is 90% of the game, and most days I have it."

Keep an eye on his rise with that two-fisted backhand, described as a "grave-digger's stroke." He may be the best Jewish tennis player yet.

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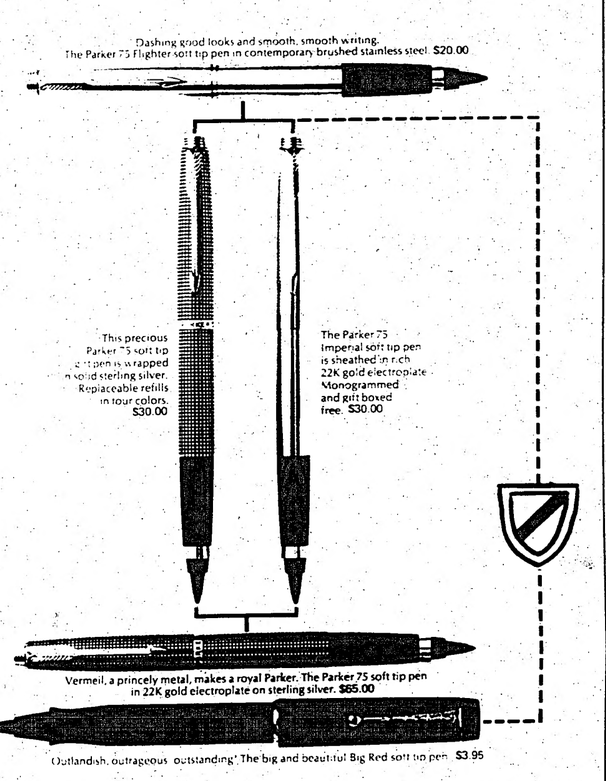
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Predictably enough, Katri and his fellow Jews shared their captivity with all manner of political prisoners and social deviants, including Muslim Brothers and Jehovah Witnesses. Relations between the Jews and the Muslim Brothers, who seek to create a pious Muslim society in Egypt, were poor at the beginning but in time things got better. "They were against us in principle," related Katri, "but then they realized we were in the same predicament."

Since the authorities were loathe to recognize converted Jews, as loyal Egyptians they, too, were arrested on the night of June 5, 1967. "They were indignant," explained Katri, "and their Muslim wives complained to the government they would starve without their Jewish husbands."

The Muslim Jews were released after six months.

At the outset, Katri and his fellow Jews were kicked and beaten. "The guards considered us prisoners of war," he said. But after half a year, the harsh treatment ceased, and they were granted permission to receive reading material, write to their families and exercise in the courtyard.

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The improved conditions notwithstanding, time hung heavily in the camp, and the guards would always taunt them by telling them they were on—the verge of being freed. "They were playing with our emotions," said Katri.

Finally, 1,108 days after being confined to Abu Zahal, Georges Katri was let go.

He was unmolested during the Yom Kippur War because, as he says, the government knew all too well that a community of 500 elderly and middle-aged men and women posed no real or imagined threat to the security of the state.

So, despite what has happened to him in the last eight years, Georges Katri clings to his life in Egypt. "One stays with one's books and papers," he mused. "One does not give up."

Concern and relief is feeling of the U.S.

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dependence on the United States for financial, military and diplomatic support, it cannot deny Kissinger — and President Ford — their views, particularly with the Presidential election looming in the U.S. If Ford achieves the imagine of the Middle East peace-maker, his chances for retaining the Presidency would be immensely improved.

As progress towards the agreement increased, the spectre of the Arab-led campaign with Communist and Third World support to drive Israel out of the UN is fading. Many countries that had been backing the Arabs, primarily because of their oil and potential investments abroad, are now saying that they will not vote to expel Israel as a matter of principle. At the State Department, the suggestion is made that if an Israeli-Egyptian agreement is attained, then the campaign will collapse. But if there is no accord, then the proceedings will be renewed vigorously. To some it appeared the department's view is another means of pressuring Israel to reach a Sinai agreement and avoid embarassament in New York when the UN General Assembly convenes on Sept. 16.

Accord is described

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Israeli sources characterized this minor Egyptian advance in the south as "an Israeli gesture." The sources stressed that there would be no Egyptian advance beyond the buffer eastward, toward the Sinai heartland and the Negev. They pointed out that Egypt had originally demanded significant slices of land beyond the eastern edge of the present buffer but Israel had firmly and consistent-

Israeli sources said that Israel and the U.S. had satisfactorily concluded the issue of U.S. guarantees for Israel's oil supplies and U.S. compensation to Israel for Abu Rodeis and help in building a massive subterranean oil reservoir.

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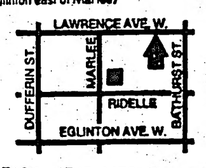

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Romantic balladeer Tim Hardin receives icy reception from kibbutznik audience

By HARVEY ENCHIN

ASHKELON — It wasn't a good night for Tim Hardin.

The expatriate North American hippies, sensualists, protestors and pacifists — the folks who made Bruce Cockburn, Murray McLaughlin and Gordon Lightfoot — had great expectations of this romantic balladeer's recent concert tour of Israel.

The American Hardin betrayed the faith his following had maintained for the more than 10 years since the release of "If I was a Carpenter."

Hardin, who was in Israel recently, gained popularity in Canada throughout the 60s with his annual appearances at Toronto's Riverboat Coffeehouse in Yorkville where Joni Mitchell, Lightfoot, Cockburn, Jerry Jeff Walker and many other famous folk and blues artists performed during the golden age of "The Village." Canadian folksingers Ian and Sylvia Tyson recorded many Hardin tunes as did Joan Baez and Judy Collins.

Sweating in the dressing room after a less than successful showing near Ashkelon, where the kibbutznik audience gave him an icy reception, Hardin said, "It was unnerving. It was weird.

"I did everything you said," he nearly cried to the tour manager. "What happened?"

What happened was Tim Hardin bombed.

The audience moved about restlessly during his performance, waiting impatiently for Israeli popular singer Arik Einstein to appear. They chatted, resisted applauding, emitted the odd "boo". So hostile was the gathering that Hardin's closing number "Lady from Baltimore" was preceded by "I'd like to do one more song, if it's alright...only if you'd like to hear it..."

His guitar was inaudible; he forgot the words to "If I was a Carpenter;" his banter with the assembly was incomprehensible; most of his tunes rejected the blues-jazz format in which he attempted to present them.

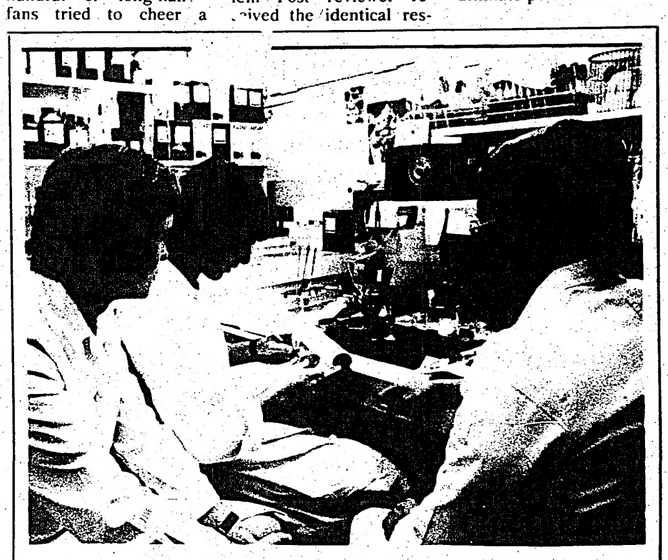
Kibbutznik Shoshana Vallach, formerly of Winnipeg, said of the concert, "I don't like to waste my time and money." English born Francis Bolton, who attended the show in Tel Aviv the following evening, said "It was a painful ordeal."

In the dressing room a handful of long-hair fans tried to cheer a dejected Hardin to no avail.

"I've wanted to come to Israel for a long time," he said remembering that he had been asked a question several minutes before. "I love the sun." A Jerusalem Post reviewer received the identical response 24 hours later.

The mention of Canada made his eyes sparkle. "You're from Toronto... I'm always in Canada in my heart."

"Look at the reviews I got there," he said "...the ultimate performer."



These three students working on a scientific project were among the 65 teenagers from Europe, North and South America and Israel, who participated in on-going research projects on the Rehovot campus as part of Weizmann Institute's annual international science institute program. From left are Eckart Bartnick, Germany; Jeffrey Rosenbaum, Canada and George Goetz, U.S.

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"These founders should be congratulated for their efforts in providing Miami and the Southeastern United States with a major Yeshiva," said Rabbi Alexander S. Gross, principal of the Greater Miami Hebrew Academy, out of which the college concept grew. "The Talmudic College of Florida now serves not only Miamians, but students from Israel, Latin America and Canada. Its growth in a relatively short time is a credit to our community and to the founders."

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Rabbi Slonim, a former associate editor of the now defunct **Toronto Telegram** and a former rabbi of Beth Tzedec Congregation, has continually called for the recognition of a Palestinian state and return by Israel to the Mideast "boundaries" existing prior to the Six Day War.

He recently blasted Jewish organizations for their campaign to keep the PLO from attending the UN crime conference in Toronto. Blame for the Jewish pressure was placed on survivors of Nazi horror. Many of Habonim's members are survivors and they felt deeply hurt by Slonim's pronouncements in **The Toronto Star, The CJN** was told.

Another synagogue leader reported the congregation had received threats of violence and disruption of services following the appearance of that article.

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Arts

Woody Allen's twitchy style ideal for mini-spoof

film

By JENIVA BERGER

In all honesty, I have to admit I'm a belated Woody Allen fan.

While some people ate up **Bananas** and relished **Play It Again, Sam,** I found them rather long extension of jokes which, like tires, only stand so much re-treading. Then came **Sleeper,** and though the last part lapsed into banality and Harpo Marx silliness, the first half was a prize winner — fresh and funny without the hammered humor of his earlier films.

Love And Death; Allen's latest which he wrote and directed, achieves what the others didn't; it's a totally balanced comedy crammed with equal parts of clever satire, burlesque, and great one-liners which suit Allen's twitchy, unprepossessing style.

It also gives Diane Keaton, Allen's lady friend in private life and his co-star in his last several films, a chance to show-off her comic abilities more than she has in the past. Miss Keaton has adopted many of Allen's mannerisms through her close working association with him, and while she has undoubtedly profited through their improvisational type of delivery, there are moments in **Love and Death** when the both of them seem to wrestle for the camera's attention. At any rate, the audience gets their money's worth.

The film is well into its third month at the Uptown, so, running the risk of repeating other reviewers, I'll tell you very briefly that the show is a mini-spoof on Tolstoy's **War and Peace,** with maybe a dollop of Chekov and Dostoyevsky. You don't have to be familiar with the Russian novelists to enjoy it; on the other hand, I won't deny that it would enhance your appreciation of Keaton and Allen jumping into philosophical gobbledeygook at the drop of a hat and their nonsensical poeticizing on Mother Russia's wheat.

But there's lots of enjoyment elsewhere. Allen as a 35-year-old coward named Boris, forced ~~to~~ go to war, becomes a decorated hero when he's catapulted out of a loaded cannon into enemy territory. Later, he's unwittingly engaged in a duel over a luscious countess and wins it accidentally as well as the hand of his beautiful cousin, Sonia, (Keaton), who was counting on his getting shot.

Sonia, like a proper Russian intellectual, eventually falls in love with both his mind and body, but tired of the domestic scene, coerces Boris into going to Moscow to assassinate Napoleon. They're tripped up and while Sonia escapes the French clutches, Boris goes down before a firing squad.

"How does it feel being dead?" she asks Boris, who just happens to be passing in front of her window escorted by Death. "You know the chicken in Kresky's restaurant?" he shouts back. "Well, its worse!"

Some of the best humor is so underplayed that it sneaks right by you unless you're listening closely. For instance, when Boris first hears that Russia has been invaded by Napoleon, he says, amidst the hullabaloo, "What for? Did they run out of Courvoisier?"

Another gem finds Sonia lecturing to Boris on their wedding night, "Sex without love is an empty experience." With a little shrug, he answers, "But as empty experiences go, it's not bad."

Visually, the film is a treat, so even if you can pry yourself away from Allen and Keaton's mugging, the set design, especially the interior shots, are beautifully evovative of 18th century Russian country life.

And as a good prelude to the film, try getting a copy of the July issue of Esquire magazine in which Allen has written a hilarious article based on the shooting of the film. It's almost as funny as the picture itself. Almost, not quite.

Recent censorship cases endanger U.S.–Soviet cultural exchange

music

By RICK KARDONNE

An important letter, co-signed by the Jewish Metropolitan Opera star Beverley Sills (nee Silverman), as to the dangers of North American-Soviet cultural exchange, recently appeared in the New York **Jewish Press.** It is of such importance that I wish to reprint it here for the benefit of Canadian readers:

"Two recent instances of censorship in the United States raise serious questions about the consequences of American-Soviet cultural exchange.

"The first episode occurred in Los Angeles in June. Three separate advertisements were placed in the Bolshoi Opera program at the Shrine Auditorium. One, sponsored by the local Jewish Federation Council, welcomed the Bolshoi visit, but pointed out that continued repressions of Jewish artists in the Soviet Union were incompatible with the spirit of cultural exchange. The others were commercial: a piece promoting Solzhenitsyn's **Gulag Archipelago** and an announcement of the appearance of the San Francisco Ballet in Los Angeles featuring Valery and Galina Panov (who are not defectors but legal emigrants). The Bolshoi threatened to cancel the company's appearance unless all three ads were eliminated. The auditorium management bowed to this pressure, and had the three pages of ads torn out of the program.

"The next episode took place in New York. Here, the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry sought space for an ad in the Lincoln Centre playbill. When challenged that an ad might be considered offensive, the Conference offered to purchase a blank page which would carry nothing but the signature of the organization. It was then told no space in the program was available for the entire three-week run of the Bolshoi.

"The late Sol Hurok used to say that cultural exchange is 'good' because it enabled a Russian ballerina to buy a $15 dress here and show it to her friends in the Soviet Union. Many of us have doubted that such exposure to the material benefits of free enterprise justifies the price i.e., the respectability which the Russians felt cultural exchange gave them, and which carried within it the West's approval of, or at least tacit indifference to, continued repression in the Soviet Union. Now, the Bolshoi incident serves to illustrate even further how perverted the purpose of cultural exchange has become. Instead of promoting contact and liberalization, it has made us acquiesce to censorship. Under conditions like these, cultural exchange may become not only useless, but dangerous."

Thanks so much, Beverley Sills and David Bar-Illan (the co-writer of this letter) for alerting us to these dangers.

Songs of Kurt Weill: I was extremely fortunate to have caught the BBC radio transcription of a London concert by the great Eartha Kitt (heard over CBC radio Sunday evening Aug. 17); the first half entirely devoted to the songs of Kurt Weill, the brilliant German Jewish pop-composer of the 20s whose only song which has survived time has been **Mack the Knife.** Little known (unfortunately) are his dozens of other numbers which epitomized the cream of the Berlin cabaret scene of that time — songs characterized by melodic zaniness and innovation; lyrics (by Brecht and others) which displayed a kooky, yet worldly sophistication. Kurt Weill's songs represented a golden age of creativity, in which Jews played a prominent role — an age which was just another victim of the Nazi Holocaust.

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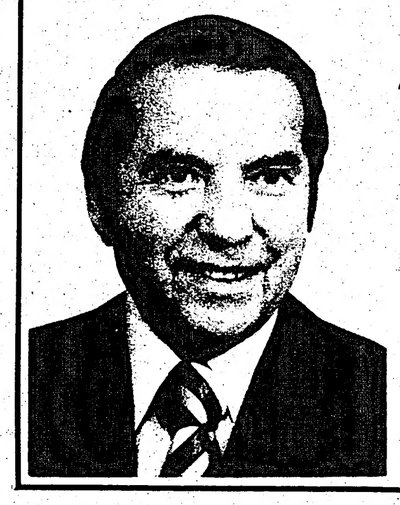

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